

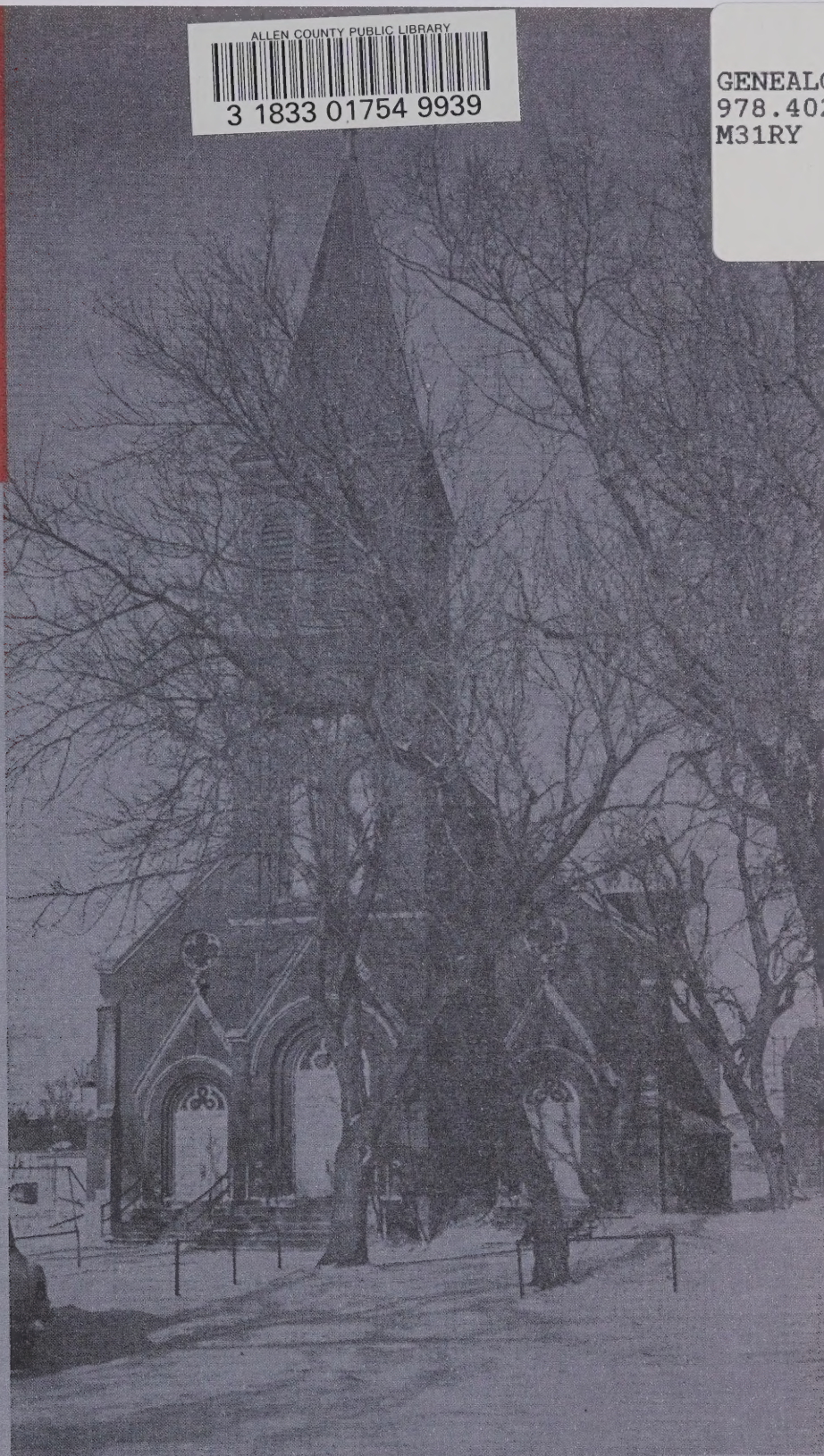
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MANDAN, NORTH DAKOTA

**A BOOKLET COMPILED
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**HIS EXCELLENCY,
LAMBERT A. HOCH
BISHOP OF BISMARCK**

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This year marks the seventy-fifth anniversary of St. Joseph's parish. It is well to acquaint the present generation with the story of those seventy-five years. This history of the parish tells the story of the early pioneers, of the events that took place, and the growth of the parish. History deals with people and events, with successes and failures of the past.

The pioneers sacrificed much to lay a firm foundation for a solid Faith. Spiritual values received prime consideration. The beautiful church and school speak eloquently of the deep Faith of these people and their priests.

Your Pastor and the present generation of the parish may well consider the sacrifices for God and His church and the spiritual values that made success a possibility. May they serve as an inspiration for us to achieve greater things for Christ and His Church.

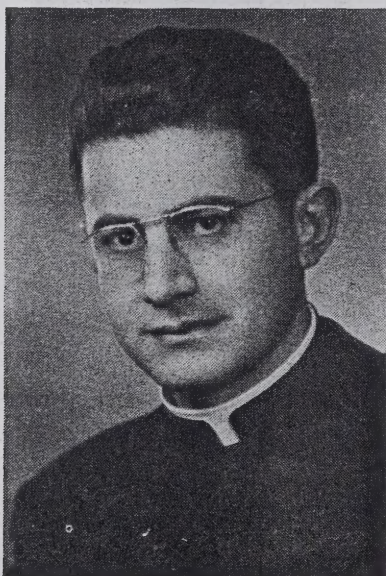
St. Joseph's parish will celebrate this outstanding event on the sixteenth and seventeenth of May. His Excellency, the Most Rev. Lambert A. Hoch, has graciously consented to offer a Pontifical High Mass of Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the many blessings bestowed on the parish. On the afternoon of that day, His Excellency will bless the new convent for the Sisters. This new home, so badly needed, serves as a monument to the present generation.

We have every reason to be deeply grateful to Almighty God for the many blessings that we have received. We implore the good people of St. Joseph's parish to join with their priests in thanking God for favors and blessings received and to implore Him for continued help and assistance in the spiritual and material growth of the parish.



FATHER A. J. GALOWITSCH

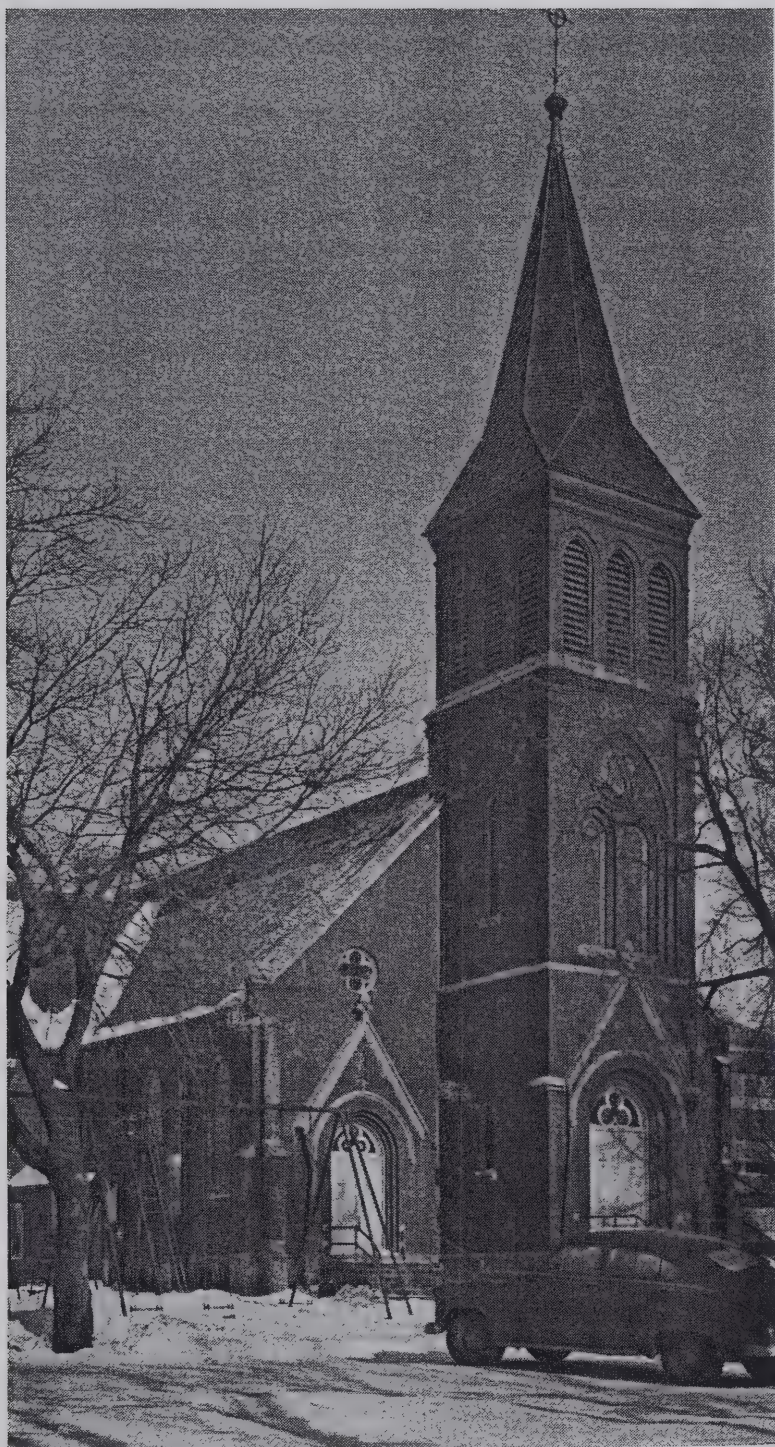
FATHER JACOB SCHUMACHER



FATHER JOSEPH LaMANNA



AND HIS
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ASSISTANTS



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St. Joseph's school today occupies two buildings. The "old" building was erected in 1917, with additions made in 1939. This building gives to the school sixteen classrooms.

For some time this building had been inadequate, and in 1950 the drive for funds for a new building got under way. Construction began in 1951 and the new building was opened to classes in 1952. The structure is of red brick, 146 x 152 feet. It was planned for eight classrooms each 24 x 32 feet; two on the first floor, three on the second and third floors each. Since that time two additional rooms have been converted into classrooms.

On the ground floor is a modern kitchen equipped with gas stoves, steam table, dishwasher, and electric potato peeler. Also on the ground floor and next to the kitchen is a recreation room 60 x 105 feet. This is also used for dinners, parties, meetings, and as a cafeteria for noon lunches.

On the second floor is located the gymnasium. This is 105 x 100 feet and has a seating capacity of about two thousand persons.

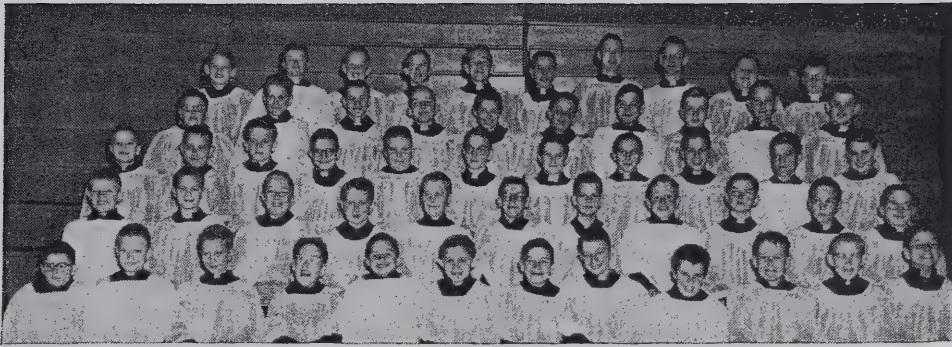
ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

SENIOR CHORUS MEMBERS

THE ST. JOSEPH'S CHOIRS

Front row: Betty Hankins, Mrs. Kalberer, Sharon Lanz, Marlene Bender, Mrs. J. Steckler, director; Sister Lea Marie, O.S.B., organist; Mr. Louis Eckroth, Mr. Ed. Steinbruck, Mr. M. Wangler, Mr. Louis Schmitz. Back row: Gloria Schwartz, Joan Worthington, Darlene Schaff, Mrs. Luck, Mrs. Stebbie Law, Mr. Ed. Tavis, Bernard DesRoches, Mr. Joe Steckler, Mr. Cletus Schmidt. Not pictured: Mrs. Wm. Krueger, Mrs. K. Winbauer, Mr. Ralph Lange.





Top row, left to right: Gregory Schaff, Raymond Kuntz, James Hunke, Robert Hunke, Leo Crawford, Gary Kopp, James Green, Jerome Hoff, Florian Schaff, Bernell Renner. Fourth row: William Engelter, James Huth, David Sautner, Lland Knoll, Robert DeChandt, Gary Hablutzel, Vincent Dahmus, Russell Gustin, Kenneth Ciaverella, Raymond Kautzman. Third row: Darr Cannon, Gerald Dinius, William Hoff, Thomas Albers, Thomas Femrite, William Sagmiller, Gerald Lauinger, Lyle Fleck, Stephen Wetzstein, John Lanz, Kent Kopp. Second row: Marvin Boehm, Donald Fix, Martin Graner, Melvin Heck, Russell Krueger, Casper Wetzstein, Wayne Hoff, Louis Zachmeier, Valrian Kary, Eugene Mosbrucker, Charles Klein. Front row: Gerald Paul, Bruce Graner, Daniel Franciere, Robert Walter, Donald Hoffman, Michael Beckler, James Fitterer, Gaylord Schmidt, Kenneth Lang, William Baron, Eugene Leingang, Michael Wetzstein. Not pictured: William Eckroth.

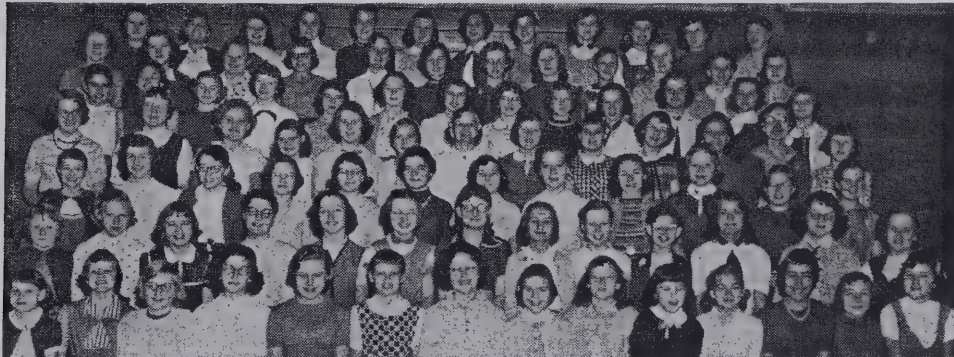
The chief functions of the Boys' Choir are to provide music on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, the Procession before Midnight Mass on Christmas, and the Holy Thursday services during Holy Week.

BOYS' CHORUS

The Girls' Choir performs at the many High Masses that occur on the days that school does not convene. Their most important functions are weddings and funerals, the Easter Vigil service, and Good Friday. The many Sacrifices of these girls make it possible for the parishioners to enjoy music at some of their memorable family celebrations.

GIRLS' CHORUS

Top row, left to right: Janice Gratz, Lois McGuire, Judith Ost, Kathleen Koch, Katherine Sauer, Loretta Dahmus, Carol Leingang, Rosemary Mutz, PPhyllis Cermak, Veronica Wetsch, Judith Eckroth, Mary Katherine Ehli. Sixth row: Carol Huth, Alice Beckler, Karen Dutton, Dorothy Dahmus, Kolleen Koch, Shirley Bender, Elaine Faulkner, Bernadine Schaff, Frances Boehm, Mary Rowan, Delanis Ferderer, Josephine Bergr. Fifth row: Mary Lord, Carol Zueger, Michelle Graner, Kathleen Shaw, Alice Berger, Evelyn Ost, Georgiana Schmidt, Janice Bonogofsky, Shirley Weiland, MaMargaret McCann, Annette Schmidt, Bonita Beckler, Nadine Zander. Fourth row: Marie Morman, Carol Zeller, Carolita Rasch, Loretta Pitzer, Beverly Miller, Lorna Mann, Jean Eckroth, Diane Morman, Lullubelle Kuntz, Donna Stumpf, Geraldine Stumpf, Patricia Sagmiller, Evelyn Ressler. Third row: Eileen Haider, Anita Sehn, Kathleen Hoffman, Mary Ellen Dolan, Kathleen Renner, Judith Lanz, Liane Means, Carol Bohl, Mary Ann Engelter, Rita Andrews, Glenda Olson, Gay Maddock. Second row: Pauline Schafer, Sharon Stein, Cathleen Eisenhauer, Janice Steiner, Shannon Eigell, Angeline Schmidt, Elizabeth Lingand, Sally Livdahl, Alvina Sehn, Caroline Ferderer, Lucille Fleck, Eleanor Schantz, Janice Doll. Front row: Marilyn Renner, Margaret Kantzman, Loretta Osborne, Kathleen Martin, Anita Pope, Carol Kessler, Marie Thill, Eileen Froelich, Linda Berger, Luella Ressler, Patricia McGuire, Sharon Simpson, Rita Siegel, Elizabeth Keller. Not pictured are: Georgia Lee Lanz, Phyllis Worthington, Jean Brunelle, Linda Hertz.



THE ST. JOSEPH'S SERVERS

The altar boys' organization consists of approximately one hundred boys of the parish, who freely give their service at the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and other liturgical functions.

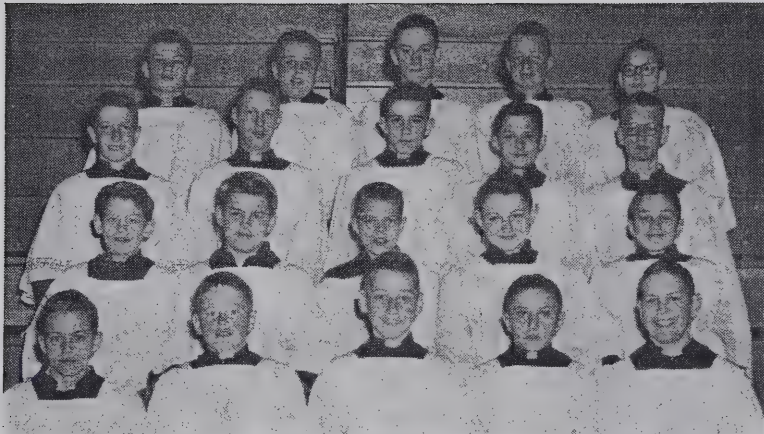
The boys chosen for this great honor and sacred duty are from among those of superior character. They should be pure of heart and soul, trustworthy, and reliable. "Be on time" is an iron-clad rule for every altar boy. Only the right type of boy qualifies to serve at the Altar of God. This fact cannot be overstressed. Our Lord said to His Apostles, "You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you." So, too, with altar boys.

Meetings of this organization are held once a month during the school year. Parliamentary Rules of Order are strictly observed at all meetings. A server who fails to attend two meetings or misses two successive turns at serving without a valid excuse, is subject to dismissal. The point system is used as a method of advancement. Those who meet the requirements are invited to the social activity which follows the monthly meetings.

SENIOR SERVERS

First row, left to right: John Wetzstein, Dennis Knoll, Jacob Martin, William Wentzstein, Ervin Russell, Peter McKee, Raymond Wetzstein. Second row: Dennis Haney, Richard Steiner, James Lord, Leonard Gillis, Preston Leingang, Gary Knoll, Gerald Graner, Robert Jones. Third row: John Olson, Charles Eckroth, Charles Kelsch, Patrick McCann, Charles Reichert, Walton Russell, Robert Ferdner. Back row: Gary Geis, Patrick O'Neil, Anthony Eckroth, Gerald Fix, Paul Boehm, Arthur Olson. Senior servers not pictured: Harold Rebenitsch, Kenneth Kautzman, Marvin Knoll, Dean Kautzman, Edward Hagerott, Lewis Sagmiller, Norman Krueger, James Farnum and Edward Fibiger.





SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADE SERVERS

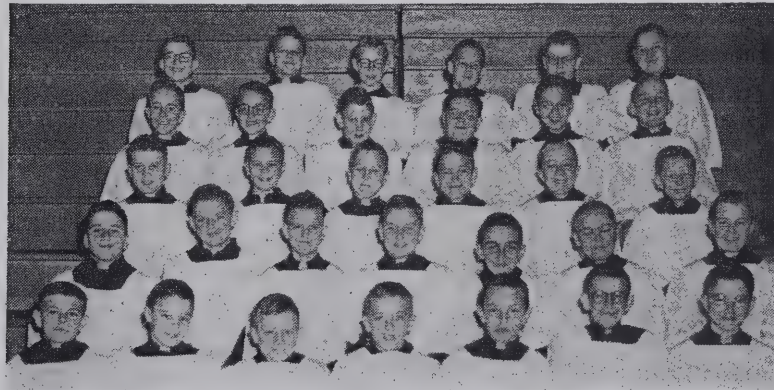
Front row, left to right: Richard Steidler, Matthew Jochim, Bernard Bohl, Lyle Fleck, Robert Axtman. Second row: Gregory Schaff, Raymond Kautzman, David Fix, Peter Huncovsky, Raymond Taghon. Third row: Larry Williams, James Green, Francis Lantz, David Haney, Jerome Hoff. Back row: George Doll, Donald Russell, Patrick Hammera, David Koch, Russell Geiss.

The organization consists of Senior servers, those of high school and college age, and Junior servers, those selected from the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades.

Faithful members of this organization and their parents deserve our ap-

preciation and gratitude. Their generosity and full cooperation have been outstanding factors in making this organization a success. It is a noteworthy fact that many of our young men continue their service at the altar through their high school and college years.

Front row, left to right: Randy Knoll, Darr Cannon, Bruce Graner, Timothy Jochim, Robert Gillis, Casper Wetzstein, Valerian Kary. Second row: Vernon Helbling, Amandus Baron, Wayne Hoff, Ronald Hopfauf, Lee Mettler, Duane Carrier, Russell Krueger. Third row: Terrance Zandar, Donald Fix, Leon Keller, William Jahner, Martin Graner, David Knudson. Fourth row: Stanley Esson, William Sagmiller, Charles Mann, William Engelter, Stephen Wetzstein, Leland Knoll. Back row: George Immel, James Huth, Dennis Faulkner, Kenneth George, Gary Eckroth, Florian Schaff.



FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADE SERVERS

Church buildings, rectory, school, sisters' home; these are the things which show; the things which hint at the hidden, the deep, the basic fact of our parish life and indeed all parish life. That fact is the spiritual fact; that we are bound together and to Christ through grace; grace which comes to us through the sacraments.

It is in and through the parish that the church administers the sacraments, defending and strengthening our spiritual life as our physical life progresses. At all stages in our life the church gives graces and blessings to meet the trials and responsibilities. As we enter the world, Baptism; the family has its beginning in the sacrament of Matrimony; and the sacrament of Extreme Unction ushers us out of this world. And always above all else, the greatest of sacraments, the Eucharist, the banquet in which we daily celebrate the mercy and the glory and the love of God through His Son Jesus Christ.

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE OF THE PARISH



May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who has given you a new birth by means of water and the Holy Spirit and forgiven all your sins, anoint you with the chrism of salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord, so that you may have everlasting life (in vitam aeternam).

Prayer from
Baptismal rite

Such is the blessing that awaits every man that serves the Lord; mayest thou live to see thy children's children, and peace resting upon Israel.

Communion from the Nuptial Mass



The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your soul for everlasting life.
Amen.

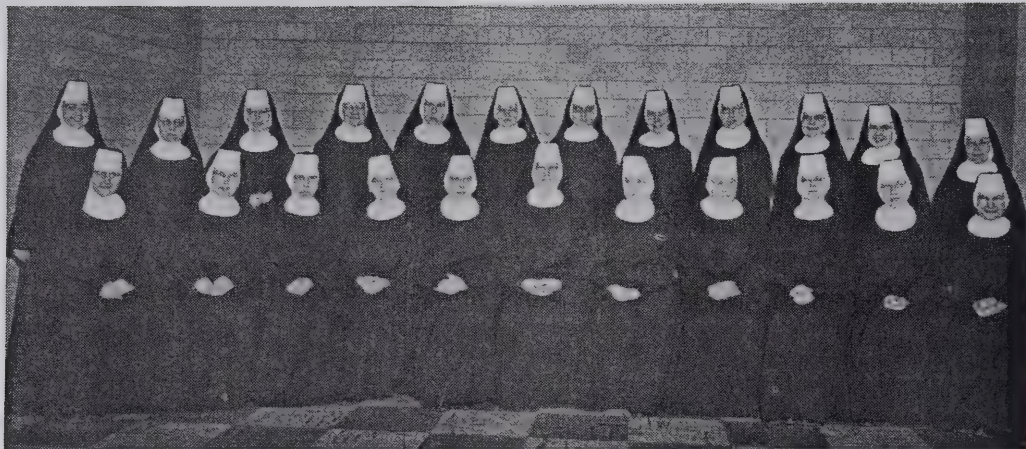
Prayer said by Priest while distributing Communion



The life of those who are faithful to Thee, Lord, is but changed, not ended: and when their earthly dwelling place decays, an everlasting mansion stands prepared for them in heaven.

Preface from Mass for the dead





Front row, left to right: Sister Luverne, Sister Agnes Therese, Sister Juventia, Sister Patrick, Sister Norberta, Sister Lea Marie, Sister Theresia, Sister Bartholemew, Sister Leone, Sister Bernice, Sister Francis. Back row: Sister Gordon, Sister Millicent, Sister Helen Margaret, Sister Andrine, Sister Margaret Mary, Sister Marileta, Sister David, Sister Mary Jean, Sister Marmion, Sister James, Sister Hildegard, Sister Ione. Not pictured: Sister Bertilia.

THE SISTERS

The new home of the Sisters serving St. Joseph's Parish is located at the corner of third street and Collins Avenue, and comprises some 13,752 square feet on its three floors.

The entire building is constructed of fireproof material, the exterior walls being of brick and lightweight concrete block; the interior partitions are constructed with steel studs and plaster. The floors are of concrete on steel joists

and the roof construction is of steel joists and steel deck with built-up pitch and gravel roofing.

The stone spandrels beneath the windows were cut from large slabs by the very competent hands of the Pastor, who, along with the fatiguing duties of running the parish, has devoted his spare time to supervising the construction of the convent.

AND THE NEW SISTERS' HOME



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WHITE MAN

COMES



FATHER
PETER JOHN
DESMET,
S. J.

In 1956 St. Joseph's Parish celebrates its Diamond Jubilee, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the completion of its first church. But to know the history of the parish we must go back not only seventy-five years, but two hundred and eighteen years when the first white man set foot on the soil of North Dakota.

Members of the Catholic faith played a very important part in the exploration and settlement of Dakota Territory. The first white men to reach what is today North Dakota were French Canadians led by Pierre de la Verendrye. They reached the Mandan Indians December 3, 1738. Sons of Verendrye later continued explorations to the west and south. Soon others were entering the new lands.

Lewis F. Crawford in HISTORY OF NORTH DAKOTA has this to say: "Verendrye and his sons had made known to the world through their discoveries the upper Missouri, the Saskatchewan, the Assiniboine, the Mouse, and the Red River of the North. They had established a line of trading posts extending more than 500 miles farther west than any previously established. Their only recompense was the thrill of their discoveries.



Copy of an artist's conception of Pierre de la Verendrye.

"The father grown old, though not in years, bearing scars from eleven bullet wounds, impoverished by the expense of his numerous expeditions, and embittered by the jealousies of rivals and the ingratitude of the government he had faithfully served, died in 1749. We now yield ungrudgingly to him and to his sons the honor denied them while living, of being the most notable family of explorers known on the American continent."

In the late fall of 1804 Meriwether Lewis and his co-captain, William Clark, came up the Missouri River and spent the winter among the Mandan Indians. Of the forty men in the party, twelve were Catholic.

THE MISSIONARIES CAME

For more than a century the only white people who found their way into North Dakota were fur traders. Then the government began stationing soldiers on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation; this was before any forts were built. In 1842 a missionary, Father Peter John DeSmet, S.J., who spent most of his life among the Indians, was in this area and converted some Mandan Indians. Father DeSmet came to America from Belgium, joined the Jesuit Order, and was ordained a priest September 23, 1827.

As early as 1858 Abbot Martin Marty and Fathers Genin, Sommereisen, and Stephen visited the Catholic soldiers stationed on the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. In 1868 missions were founded on the Standing Rock, Fort Totten, and Crow Creek Reservations. In 1877 Abbot Marty founded St. Anne's Mission near Wheeler, South Dakota. The previous year, 1876, Abbot Marty was in Bismarck taking a collection to build a school for the Sisters of St. Mary's Academy. On February 1, 1880 Abbot Marty was consecrated Bishop and became the first Bishop of Dakota Territory.

FIRST BISHOP OF THE DAKOTAS

The first bishop in the Dakotas was *Bishop Martin Marty*. Born in Schwyz, Switzerland, January 12, 1834, Bishop Marty attended the best schools in Switzerland and Austria, completing a medical course. He saw, however, that his real calling was the priesthood so he studied theology and was ordained September 14, 1856. He decided to come to America to found a Benedictine College and Abbey. On arriving he found that Bishop Maurice de Palais of Vincennes needed assistance so he abandoned his original plan and went to Indiana in 1860. In time he became the Abbot of St. Meinrad. Dakota held great interest for the Abbot and he especially became interested in the missions of this area.

On February 1, 1880 Abbot Marty was consecrated Bishop and became the first bishop of Dakota Territory; Yankton was his See. In 1889 the diocese of Dakota was divided and he was transferred to Sioux Falls. It was Bishop Marty who acquired the land on which the Mandan parish buildings stand. December 5, 1885 Bishop Marty confirmed twenty-seven people in Mandan.



**BISHOP
MARTIN MARTY**

FIRST BISHOP OF NORTH DAKOTA

In 1889 when Dakota Territory was divided into North and South Dakota, North Dakota came into the Union as a State. A new diocese was then established at Jamestown. On September 23, 1889 the Rev. John Shanley, Pastor of the Cathedral in St. Paul was notified that he would be the Bishop of Jamestown. December 27, 1889 he was consecrated Bishop by Archbishop Ireland and installed in Jamestown, January 26, 1890.

Bishop Shanley lived in Jamestown from January 1890 until August 1891. Then because of poor transportation facilities he moved to Fargo where he built the Episcopal See.

Bishop Shanley was born in New York January 5, 1852 and ordained to the priesthood May 30, 1874. His parents had come from Ireland in 1832. They settled in Faribault, Minnesota where his father died in 1884 and his mother in 1885. Bishop Shanley was educated at the St. Paul Seminary, and completed his studies in Rome. He returned to America in August 1874.



**BISHOP
JOHN SHANLEY**

Following the death of Bishop Shanley which occurred July 16, 1909, the diocese of North Dakota was divided and Bismarck became the See of the new diocese. *Abbot Vincent Wehrle* of Richardton was consecrated Bishop May 19, 1910.

Rev. Vincent Wehrle, the first Bishop of Bismarck, was born December 19, 1855 in Berg, Canton of St. Gall, Switzerland. He studied for the priesthood in St. Gall and Einsiedeln becoming a member of the Benedictine Order in 1875. He was ordained a priest on April 23, 1882 and came to the United States the same year. After working five years in the Benedictin Community of Subiaco, Arkansas, and St. Meinrad's, Indiana, he came to Yankton, South Dakota. He was Bishop Martin Marty's Chancellor and Vicar General until October 3, 1889. In that year North Dakota became a diocese; in 1893 Father Wehrle established St. Gall's Priory at Devils Lake. In 1899 he founded the Abbey at Richardton. His missionary work on the prairies of North Dakota will always be a part of this state's history. People who settled in the Crown Butte area recall Father Wehrle's visits as he traveled through the country from Devils Lake to Montana. Dakota Catholic Action says of him "In the rough pioneer days he served as a lone sentinel of Christ on the frontier of civilization."

Pope Piux X appointed him first Bishop of Bismarck and he was consecrated at St. Mary's Chapel, St. Paul Seminary, May 19, 1910. He was installed Bishop of Bismarck by Archbishop Ireland June 10, 1910. He also remained the Abbot of Assumption Abbey, Richardton until 1915.

Bishop Wehrle retired December 11, 1939 and was named Titular Bishop of Teos by Pope Pius XII. He died November 2, 1941 and is buried in the crypt of Assumption Abbey, Richardton.

BISHOP VINCENT WEHRLE

FIRST BISHOP OF BISMARCK



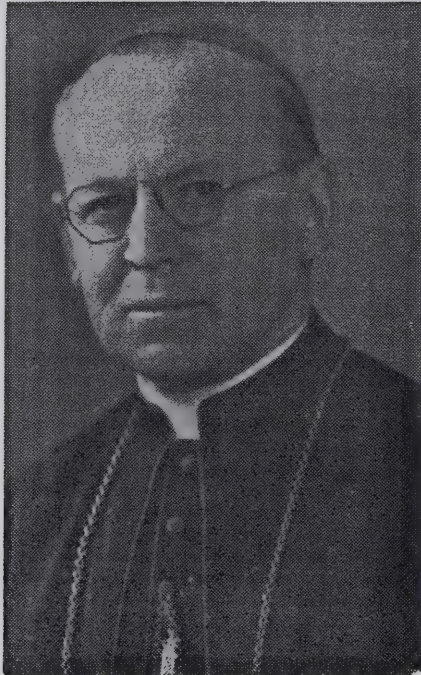
SECOND BISHOP OF BISMARCK

Following the retirement of Bishop Wehrle, the Rev. Vincent J. Ryan was appointed Bishop of Bismarck. He was installed May 29, 1940.

The Most Rev. Vincent J. Ryan was born in Arlington Township, Columbia County, Wisconsin, July 1, 1884. From 1902 to 1906 he studied at the minor seminary department of St. Francis Seminary, St. Francis, Wisconsin. In September 1906 he entered the St. Paul Seminary. He was ordained a priest by the Most Rev. John Ireland, Archbishop of St. Paul, on June 7, 1912. His entire life as a priest was spent in North Dakota. On July 16, 1912 he arrived in Fargo having been named secretary to the Bishop, and chancellor of the diocese by Bishop James O'Reilly.

In 1917 he became the first pastor of St. Anthony's parish in Fargo. In 1934 following the death of Bishop O'Reilly he was elected administrator of the Fargo diocese. In 1936 Bishop Muench named him official of the diocese. This position he resigned when he was appointed vicar general. On March 23, 1940 he was appointed Bishop of Bismarck.

Bishop Ryan died suddenly November 10, 1951, eleven years after he was consecrated. He is buried in St. Mary's cemetery in Bismarck.



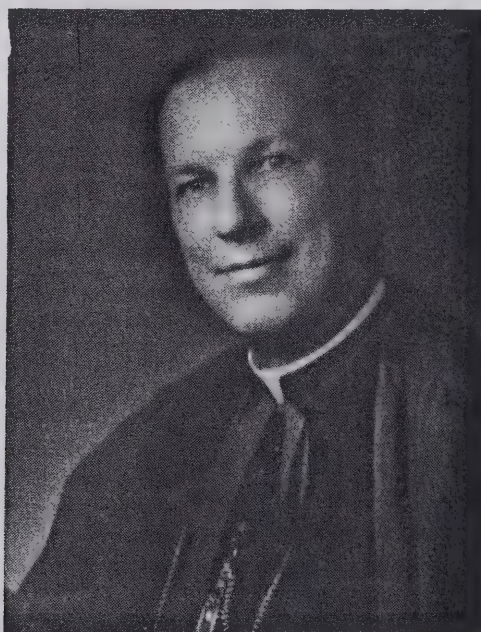
**BISHOP
VINCENT J. RYAN**

On March 25, 1952 the Most Reverend Lambert A. Hoch was consecrated Bishop for the Diocese of Bismarck. Bishop Hoch was born in Elkton, South Dakota where he attended St. Mary's Grade School and the Public High School. In 1920 he completed his work at Creighton University, Omaha. He studied theology at the St. Paul Seminary and was ordained in 1928. Following his ordination he was a professor at Columbus College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. After having served as assistant pastor at the Immaculate Conception parish, Watertown, South Dakota from 1929 to 1932, he was named chancellor of the diocese of Sioux Falls.

The late Pope Pius XI named him papal chamberlain with the title of Very Reverend Monsignor in 1935 and eight years later he was made a domestic prelate by Pope Pius XII with the title of Right Reverend Monsignor. Bishop Hoch was consecrated by Archbishop A. G. Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States. On April 2, 1952 he was installed Bishop of Bismarck in the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit by the Most Reverend Archbishop John Gregory Murray.

PRESENT BISHOP OF BISMARCK

**BISHOP
LAMBERT A. HOCH**





IMPORTANT DATES IN THE HISTORY OF THE CHURCH IN NORTH DAKOTA

1738	Pierre de la Verendrye came to Dakota
1804	Lewis & Clark spend winter at Fort Mandan
1842	Father DeSmet came to the Mandan area
1858	Abbot Martin Marty came to North Dakota
1868	Missions were founded on the Standing Rock, Fort Totten, & Crow Creek Reservations
1879	First Mass in Mandan
1880	Abbot Martin Marty consecrated first Bishop of Dakota Territory
1880	Father Patrick Cassidy, first resident priest in Mandan
1881	First Catholic church completed in Mandan
1889	North Dakota became a state --- Bishop Shanley consecrated Bishop of N. Dak.
1904	Brick Church completed for St. Joseph's parish
1910	Bishop Wehrle consecrated Bishop of the Bismarck Diocese
1913	First permanent parochial school
1917	"Old" School built
1939	Bishop Wehrle retires because of illness
1940	Bishop Ryan consecrated
1952	"New" School completed
1952	Bishop Hoch consecrated
1956	Sisters' Home completed





**ST. JOSEPH'S IN THE DAYS
BEFORE
TODAY**

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It was the coming of the railroad that hastened the settlement of Mandan. By an act of Congress in 1864, signed by Abraham Lincoln, the right of way had been granted to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company to build a railway through the Indian country. The railway was completed to Bismarck in 1873 and this remained the western terminus until 1879. Due to the hostility of the Indians who understandably resented the loss of their hunting grounds, the road west of the River could be completed only under the protection of United States troops.

The same year that the right of way was granted, Fort Rice was established. In 1872 Fort McKean was built on the hills five miles south of Mandan. This was the first white settlement in Morton County. In 1873 Fort Abraham Lincoln was built. It is said that organized life began in Mandan in 1873 when the railroad company made the first survey west of the Missouri.

MANDAN BEGAN

INDIAN EARTH LODGES AT FORT ABRAHAM LINCOLN





ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH BEGAN

In anticipation of the coming of the railroad, people began moving into Mandan, among them many Catholics. Fred Gerard was among the group of men who located the townsite. Until 1881 Mandan was a mission of Bismarck, and the spiritual wants of the people were administered by missionary priests when they came to care for the Catholic soldiers and to work among the Indians. Some of these missionaries were Fathers Genin, Sommer-eisen, Stephen, Marty (later Bishop Marty).

It is known that Mass was said in the Linnehans house in 1879. Father Sommereisen, it is believed, said this Mass. Those who attended were: Mrs. Stack, Mrs. Michael Lang, John McDonald, Barney Byrnes, John Casey and wife, John Buckley and wife, Barney Ford, John Degnam, Fred Gerard, James McGillic, John O'Rourke, Michael Keating, Paddy Burns, Jeremiah Burns, Charles Cannavan and wife, Mrs. Michael Mann, Mrs. Schaefer, Mrs. George Harmon, Mrs. S. T. McVey, and Mrs. Keeley. Until the church was completed in 1881 Mass was said in several homes; the Linnehans home, the Mahon home, and the Dave Carey home.

St. Joseph's parish was organized with seventy-five families. In 1880 Father Cassidy came as the first resident priest and began work on the first church. This was completed in 1881, seventy-five years ago. At that time the parish had no boundaries and the priests took care of the people for miles around.

**FATHER
PATRICK CASSIDY
1880-1884**

Father Patrick Cassidy was the first resident priest in Mandan, saying his first Mass here November 1, 1880. Fr. Cassidy had the first church built, a small structure 70 x 80 feet, which was completed in September 1881. This served the parish for more than twenty years.

It was during this time that the first recorded baptism took place; that of Helen Duffy, daughter of C. A. Duffy and Alice Henderson Duffy. She was born June 10, 1880 and baptized November 12, 1880. The sponsors were David Carey and Elizabeth Shannon. The first marriage was that of B. M. Lindsay and Alice Rafferty, August 9, 1881.

**FATHER
MARTIN SCHMIDT, O.S.B.
1884-1887**

Father Martin Schmitt succeeded Father Cassidy in 1884. He came from St. John's Abbey, Collegville, Minnesota. Father Schmitt had twenty missions to care for in addition to Mandan. He traveled as far west as Glendive, Montana; Mercer, Grassy Butte, and Fort Buford. All this traveling he did with a sulky and horse.

Father Martin opened a school taught by the Benedictine Sisters from St. Joseph, Minnesota but the school was abandoned when he was transferred in 1887. He also attempted to build a hospital on the lot where the parish plant now stands, the land having been obtained by Bishop Marty. The hospital was never built as the Lamborn Hotel in Bismarck was bought and converted into a hospital. The price of this hotel was so favorable that the structure in Mandan was abandoned even though the excavation had been completed.





FATHER T. G. PERRAULT
1887=1892

When Father Martin Schmitt, O. S.B. was transferred in the summer of 1887, Father Ambrose Stethert substituted until the arrival of the next pastor, *Father T. G. Perrault*, a secular priest. Dickinson now became a second mission, taking care of the western part of the state.

Father Perrault left in July 1892 and *Father Edward Powers* substituted until November 1892 when *Father J. A. Lemmieux* came. He remained until July 1894. During his stay in Mandan Father Lemmieux built the belfry on the frame church, and enlarged the rectory which had been built on the east side of the church.

It was during this period that the immigration of German people from Russia began. The ancestors of these people had migrated from Germany at the invitation of Empress Catherine the Great who herself was a German. She was anxious to populate Russia and knew that the German people were industrious. They settled in colonies and remained German; they did not often intermarry with the Russian people.

Most of these German people who came to North Dakota and to St. Joseph's parish, came from the Ukraine when that area was becoming too thickly populated.

FATHER J. A. LEMMIEUX
1892=1894



FATHER DANIEL V. COLLINS
1894-1909



In July 1894 Father Daniel V. Collins arrived in Mandan. Father Collins was born in Ireland January 15, 1940. When he was seven years old he was brought to America by his mother and placed in charge of the Christian Brothers at Cleveland, Ohio. He was adopted by the saintly Bishop Whelan of Wheeling, West Virginia, and because of disturbed times in the South was placed in St. Mary's Seminary to study philosophy and theology. On September 8, 1868 he was ordained in St. Joseph's Cathedral, Wheeling. He worked in the missions of western Virginia for twelve years.

About 1880 Bishop Marty invited him to join in the mission work in the Dakota Territory. His ministry was successful in the southern counties of the territory and he was promoted to the pastorate of St. Mary's Church in Fargo where he remained six years. In 1894 he was transferred to Mandan.

Father Collins built the present Church, completing it in 1904. The last couple married in the frame church was Julia Cantwell and Edward Massey. The first couple married in the present church was Mary Eleanor Ronco and William McCormick. The first baby baptized in the new church was Mary Alfa Backer, December 11, 1904. The sponsors were Edward Wurst and Mary Jane Shook. Father Collins began the rectory but was unable to complete it because of lack of funds. In his will Father Collins cancelled a note for \$13,000 and he also gave a few lots to the bishop for the good of the parish.

It had been requested by Father Collins that he be buried beneath the Church. This was not done at the time of his death but later his remains were disinterred and placed in a vault in the Church.

Following the death of Father Collins, Father Otto Wolpers took temporary charge of the parish. In 1910 the Bismarck diocese was established, and in the same year Bishop Wehrle was installed. On July 3, 1910 Father Clement Dimpfl, O.S.B., was given charge of the Mandan parish. He came to Mandan July 11, 1910.

The Bismarck area north as far as Ward County, south to Wishek, and east to Tappen had been taken care of by the Benedictine Fathers from St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota. When the Fargo diocese was divided in 1910, and Bismarck became a Bishop's See, the Mandan parish was given to the Benedictine Fathers in exchange for Bismarck.

Father Clement completed the rectory and moved in at Easter time 1911. He also beautified the grounds by planting trees and putting in the necessary sidewalks.

Sodalities for the young people were organized; also the Men's Order of Foresters, the English and German Altar Societies, and the St. Maria Verein.

Father Clement remodeled the old church which had been moved to the present site of the Sister's Home and opened a parochial school in September 1913. The Sisters were accommodated in the old rectory.

In 1916 a second hand pipe organ was installed. Originally it was pumped by hand and several can still tell how they labored at the organ to bring forth its sweet strains of music. In time an electric device was added. This organ served the choir about twenty years. The new church bell donated by Mrs. William Boehm and family was blessed on Palm Sunday 1918 by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Vincent Wehrle.

Father Clement was the recipient of a Ford Car (1917 model) which was a gift from thirty to forty men. This was a very modern car "equipped with self-starter and shock absorbers". In 1923 Father Clement was authorized to dispose of this car by selling chances on it, and then purchasing a new Dodge Business Sedan. He was also authorized to build a new garage suitable for the car. Father

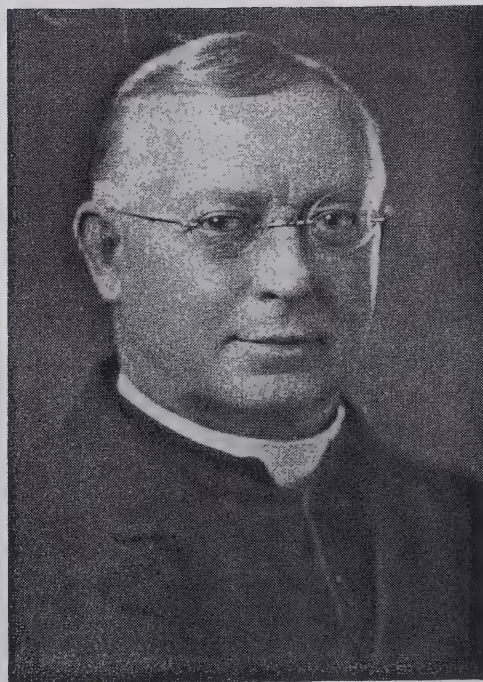
FATHER CLEMENT DIMPFL, O.S.B.

1910-1927

Clement made good use of his car. It is reported that when Festival time came, he equipped it with crates and drove through the country asking for donations of chickens.

Father Clement was a generous person. At one time his old friend Martin Anderson gave him \$500 "for his own use and benefit." There was no clause or obligation attached as to its use. This money Father Clement deposited in the bank under the caption "St. Joseph's Church Student Fund."

Father Clement's Silver Jubilee was celebrated in Mandan in May 1916. In 1924 during his pastorage the Church was consecrated.





**FR. CLEMENT'S SILVER JUBILEE
MAY 1916**

**CLERGY PRESENT AT CONSECRATION OF ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
JUNE 4, 1924**



FATHER PAUL NUSSENDORFER, O.S.B.

In January 1927 Rev. Paul Neussendorfer, O.S.B., replaced Father Clement. Father Paul built the two-car garage. Since there was only one car, half the garage was used to store clothing and supplies for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Father Paul remained until 1930.



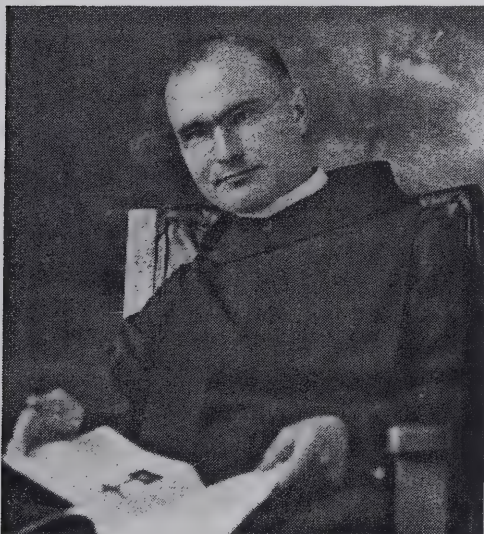
Fr. Paul pictured here with some of his Family at his Silver Jubilee

FATHER HILDEBRAND EICHOFF, O.S.B.

In August 1930 Father Hildebrand Eichoff, O.S.B. arrived as the pastor of St. Joseph's Church. Father Hildebrand had been assistant here from 1911 to 1912.

In 1931 he made alterations in the school to give four more classrooms. The church basement was arranged to provide a room for societies and social functions.

In 1932 the playgrounds were le-



veled off. Father Francis Bernick, O.S.B., assistant, with volunteer labor built the retaining wall on the south side of the playground. In 1937 a handball alley was put in and in 1940 another was added. During the summer of 1938, the Statue of the Sacred Heart was moved from the site near Collins Avenue to the present site and the grounds between the Church and the rectory were parked.

In 1933 the Church was redecorated under the supervision of Mr. Paul Foster. New Stations of the Cross were donated. The High Altar was moved near to the front of the Sanctuary, a liturgical altar, with the organ behind it. The balcony thus provided extra seating space. New side altars were built. The church and rectory were re-shingled at this time.

In 1939 more classrooms were needed. Father Hildebrand had plans to build a new sixteen room structure. He would have remodeled the old school into a Convent. Since he could not get the approval of these plans from either the Bishop or the Abbot he was forced to build the addition to the old building. Six rooms were added making a total of sixteen classrooms, a library and an assembly room. During the same year an addition was added to the Sisters' Home.

August 27, 1942 Father Hildebrand was transferred to Barnesville, Minnesota where he still is today.

FATHER JUSTIN LEUTMER, O.S.B.

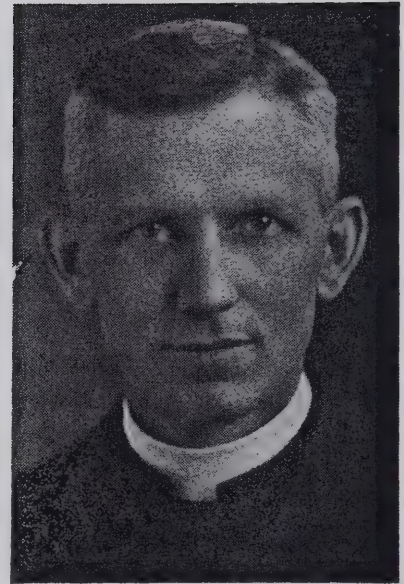
In 1942 Father Justine Leutmer, O.S.B., came to Mandan to take up the duties of Pastor. His assistants were Rev. Humphrey Zdechlik, O.S.B., and Rev. Ralph Eisenzimmer, O.S.B. During his pastorate repairs were made on the school; more lights were installed in the classrooms, and several rooms were redecorated.

The Church basement was repaired. A new cement floor was poured, and the walls were covered with knotty pine wood.

During the last year of Father Justine's pastorate the Church was redecorated. The pews, altar railing, and confessionals were refinished. Also, new altars were installed.

Father Justine left the parish free from debt, and he proposed that "twelve to fifteen thousand dollars should be invested."

In April 1947 St. Joseph's parish



was offered to the Diocese of Bismarck and the Benedictine priests of St. John's Abbey finished their work in Mandan. The effects of their fine work however will live on for years to come.

ASSISTANTS IN MANDAN DURING THE BENEDICTINE ADMINISTRATION

Rev. Hildebrand Eickhoff, O.S.B., July 1911 to September 1912.

Rev. Eugene Woerdehoff, O.S.B., September 1912 to October 1913.

Rev. Lambert Weckwerth, O.S.B., October to December 1913.

No assistant from December 1913 to September 1914.

Rev. Florian Locnikar, O.S.B., September 1914 to October 1915.

Rev. Timothy Majerus, O.S.B., October 1915 to December 1918.

Rev. Leo Hoppe, O.S.B., December 1918 to September 1922.

Rev. Herbert Buerschinger, O.S.B., September 1922 to September 1923.

Rev. Peter Wollnik, O.S.B., September 1923 to September 1925.

Rev. Edgar Kees, O.S.B., September 1925 to September 1926.

Rev. Paul Neussendorfer, O.S.B., September 1926 until he became pastor

in January 1927.

Rev. Isidore Siegler, O.S.B., February to May, 1927.

Rev. Christopher Bayer, O.S.B., May to June 1927.

Rev. Urban Weckwerth, O.S.B., June, 1927 to 1930.

Rev. Angelo Zankl, O.S.B., 1930 to August 1932.

Rev. Francis Bernick, O.S.B., August 1932 to June 1936.

Rev. Othmar Hohman, O.S.B., June 1936 to 1942.

Rev. Marcellus Leisen, O.S.B., 1936 to 1937. (Beginning in 1936 there were two assistants.)

Rev. Valerian Thelen, O.S.B., August 1937 to 1942.

Rev. Humphrey Zdechlik, O.S.B., 1942 to 1947.

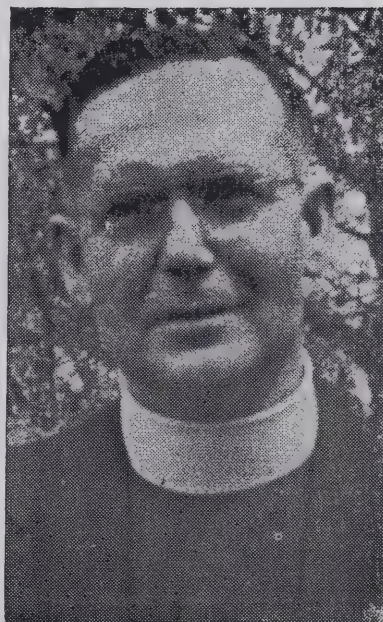
Rev. Ralph Eisenzimmer, O.S.B., 1942 to 1947.

Father Charles Schneider was born in Springfield, Illinois, October 16, 1895. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schneider. His early education was received at Springfield, Illinois. He then attended the Pontifical College Josephinum at Worthington, Ohio. He was ordained at Columbus, Ohio, May 29, 1920 for the Diocese of Bismarck. He was assistant pastor at St. Leo's Church in Minot, 1920-23. He then became pastor of Holy Trinity Parish, Hettinger, North Dakota, 1923-24; pastor of St. Vincent's Church, Mott, North Dakota, 1924-29; pastor of St. Michael's Church, Crosby, 1929-36; pastor of St. Mary's Church, New England, 1936-47; and pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Mandan, 1947-June 9, 1953.

When Father Schneider came to Mandan, school facilities had again become inadequate, and it became his task to build a new school since additions were no longer possible. Supervising the building of a structure the size of St. Joseph's school took a tremendous amount of time and energy. In June 1953 Father was transferred to St. Patrick's Church in Dickinson, where he is today.

Serving as assistants during Father Schneider's pastorate were: Rev. Clarence Gavett, Rev. David Miller, Rev. Charles Backes, Rev. Donald Rooney, Rev. Vaclevas Sirka, and Rev. Frederick Nelson.

FATHER CHARLES SCHNEIDER



FATHER A. J. GALOWITSCH

An April 9, 1953 His Excellency, Bishop Hoch, appointed Rev. A. J. Galowitsch, pastor of St. Joseph's parish in Mandan. Father Galowitsch was born July 21, 1901 in Neumarkt, Austria, a small town not far from Vienna. His father died in 1912, and in the fall of that year the mother and children came to Chicago. Father Galowitsch attended St. Philomena's parochial school. In 1916 he began his studies for the priesthood at the Pontifical College Josephinum at Columbus, Ohio. Sickness kept

him out of school for nearly four years. He was ordained to the priesthood May 29, 1930. On July 4 of that year he came to St. Joseph's parish in Dickinson as assistant to Msgr. G. Aberle. He remained there for six years. In April 1936 he was appointed pastor of the church in Alexander, McKenzie County. For eight years he took care of that parish and six missions. In 1944 he was appointed pastor of St. Vincent's parish, Crown Butte. In 1947 Bishop Ryan appointed him pastor of St. Mary's Church in New England. While there he built a new high school and grade school. From New England Father came to Mandan.

Father Galowitsch is diocesan director of hospitals. He also serves on the State Health Planning Board, and is chairman of the State Health Council.

The past year Father supervised the construction of a new Sisters' Home. A description of the new home is found elsewhere in this book.

Serving as assistants to Father Galowitsch are Father Joseph LaManna and Father Jacob Schumacher. Father Seidler was here a short time.



**BISHOP HOCH
ADMIRE
MAGNIFICENT CHALICE
PRESENTED TO
FATHER GALOWITSCH
ON HIS
SILVER JUBILEE**



FREDERIC F. GIRARD
(1872)

One of the first settlers in Mandan was Frederic F. Gerard, a native of St. Louis. Mr. Gerard came to Fort Clark in 1849 and here learned the Arikara language. He was the first Indian interpreter employed by General William P. Carlin, and could speak the Sioux, Arikara, Gros Ventres and Mandan languages. He was the main trader at Fort Berthold between 1857 and 1869, and on many occasions helped Father Desmet. It was in 1866 that Father Desmet stopped at Fort Berthold and baptized the Gerards' youngest daughter, Virginia, born in 1864.

In 1872 Mr. Gerard staked out what he thought was approximately one hundred sixty acres of land on the present site of Mandan. When the railroad survey was made, this was found to be railroad land, so he gave up his holding and bought forty acres from the railroad company south of the tracks. This has become known as the Gerard Addition to Mandan.

In 1876 Mr. Gerard went with the Custer expedition. He escaped with his life because he was left with the Reno Command rather than being with Custer at the time of the battle of Little

Big Horn.

Fred Gerard was one of a group of men who helped choose the town site in 1879. He was among the group of people who attended the first Mass at the Linnehans house in that year. Mr. Gerard's first wife was an Arikara Indian Woman of Fort Berthold. To them were born three daughters, Josephine, Carrie, and Virginia, who attended school at Fort Berthold and never lived in Mandan. Later Josephine and Virginia entered the Benedictine Order at St. Joseph, Minnesota, Josephine becoming Sister Adelbert and Virginia, Sister Anastasia. Sister Anastasia is still living at the Convent of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, Minnesota, and is ninety two years old.

Mr. Gerard later married Mrs. Wadell and for a time lived in Mandan. They had a store on East Main Street.



Sister Adelbert Gerard and Sister Anastasia Gerard, daughters of Fred Gerard who helped found Mandan.

HARRY McBRATNEY (1879)

Just when Harry McBratney came to North Dakota is not known, but he owned a store in Mandan in 1879. The Bismarck Daily Tribune of November 28, 1881 gives an account under Mandan news of the marriage of Harry McBratney and Mary Ann Butler. The article states that "Mr. McBratney is an old, tried and true resident of the west; was formerly at Bismarck but for the past two years has lived and transacted business in this city . . ." The marriage took place on November 24. Rev. Patrick Cassidy officiated. Mary Butler came to North Dakota with the John McDonald family. Chil-

MRS. MARY McBRATNEY



dren born to the McBratneys were: Edward Raymond, Frances May, James Henry, Florence Fay, and Robert Thomas.

In 1888 the McBratneys took up a homestead and tree claim eight miles southwest of Mandan. Additional land was purchased until the ranch included 480 acres. This is today owned and operated by one of the daughters, Florence McBratney.

Edward McBratney who had op-

erated the farm died in 1945; Frances (Mrs. John Swanberg) died in 1915; and James had died in 1898. Robert McBratney today lives in Sturgis, South Dakota.

MICHAEL LANG (1879)

Michael Lang, first permanent merchant of Mandan, was born in Germany in 1848. At the age of four he was brought to Buffalo, New York, where he was reared. He first came to Dakota in 1873 as post blacksmith at Fort Rice. During that year he went with General Custer while the preliminary survey was being made for the Northern Pacific Railway.

In 1876 Mr. Lang went to Bismarck where he was engaged in the grocery business with John Yegen. On March 2, 1878, he married Hannah Sullivan, sister of J. O. Sullivan. Four children were born to them: Michael, Mamie, Elizabeth, and Willie. Mrs. Lang died February 8, 1883. The children have also passed away.

On January 7, 1884 Mr. Lang married Agnes Port. Five children were born to this union: Agnes, Rose, Blossom, Custer, and Edison. Mrs. Lang is now 89 years of age (1956) and living in California. Mr. Lang passed away December 2, 1911.

Mr. and Mrs. Lang had come to Mandan May 15, 1879 where Mr. Lang opened a wholesale and retail grocery business. In the same year he built a frame house one-half mile north of Main Street, the first frame house in Morton County.

Mr. Lang was vice-president of the First National Bank, and city alderman for a time. He was interested in the Pioneer Publishing Company, and the Mandan Steamboat Company.

JOHN McDONALD (1879)

John McDonald was born in Williamsburg, N. Y., August 20, 1839. His parents had emigrated from Ireland. In

1858, at the age of nineteen, he went to Faribault, Minnesota traveling overland by stage, and by boat on the Great Lakes.

In 1865 John McDonald married Ellen McDonough, a native of Ireland, who came to America with her parents in 1848. The McDonoughs settled in Wisconsin and Ellen later went to Faribault where she had a sister living on a farm in the "East Prairie" neighborhood. She was teaching in the neighborhood school when she met John McDonald.

In 1872 Mr. McDonald, leaving his family on the farm near Faribault, accepted employment from Mr. Burley of Yankton, South Dakota. Mr. Burley had a contract with the Northern Pacific Railroad to build fifty miles of roadbed from the Missouri River east.

He came to Burleigh, Dakota Territory, which was a tent village located near the present site of Bismarck. At that time it was the intention of the Northern Pacific to cross the Missouri south of Bismarck near the location of Old Fort Lincoln. The grade was built to this point but the tracks were never laid.

Fort McKean, five miles south of Mandan, was the first white settlement in Morton County. In 1872 it was occupied by a small command of soldiers. In September of that year John McDonald made his first trip across the river by boat. He stopped at a wood camp where one hundred choppers were busy cutting logs for the block houses being built at Fort McKean. Troops were scattered all along the area to protect the workers from the In-



Fornt row: Benno Schimansky and son, Benno, Jr.; Anna (Mrs. Benno Schimansky); Emmet McDonald; Leo J. McDonald; Leslie J.; John. Second row: James and daughter Eleanor; Mrs. James McDonald; John McDonald and Mrs. McDonald; Charles McDonald and son Kenneth. Third row: Dave Taylor; Theresa (Mrs. Dave Taylor) and daughter Helen; Mrs. Francis McDonald; Francis McDonald; Mrs. Wm. McDonald; William McDonald; Mrs. Charles McDonald.

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In 1873 Mr. McDonald returned to Faribault where he remained six years. In 1879 he returned to Dakota Territory with his family, arriving in Mandan May 25. The trip was made by wagon to Brainerd, Minnesota, then via the Northern Pacific railway to Bismarck. With the McDonalds came Mary Ann Butler who was to become the wife of Harry McBratney.

When the McDonalds arrived Michael Lang and Harry McBratney had already erected stores. There was a small cluster of log shacks, some partly tented wooden structures, and a tent colony. In the fall Mr. McDonald filed on a claim on "Custer Flats." The McDonalds became the first family to move to a farm and to start farming operations.

The children: James, John, William, Charles, Francis, and Theresa were born in Minnesota. Anna was born after the family moved to Mandan.

MICHAEL MAHON (1879)

Michael Mahon was born in Ireland in 1849. When he came to America is not known but he was in Devils Lake connected with the Indian Agency in 1870. Later he came to Bismarck and made several trips from that city to St. Paul. On September 8, 1878 he married Katherine Stack. In the summer of 1879 Mr. Mahon came to Mandan where he built a two-room home for his family. Mrs. Mahon came in the fall crossing the Missouri River in a boat October 1. Mr. Mahon worked for Quinlan and Halloran for two years and three months, and the Mahons also operated a boarding house. Mr. Mahon was one of Mandan's early city aldermen.

During the years 1879 to 1881 Mahon's was one of the houses where Mass was said as there was no church at that time.

Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Mahon: Katherine, (Mrs. John McCormick); Johanna, (Mrs. Gustav Carlson); William, who died at an

early age; William, who was named for his brother, and who now lives at the Baron Home; and Frank who died in



Mrs. Catherine Mahan Turnbull

1945.

Mr. Mahon is buried west of Mandan where many of the early settlers are buried. Mrs. Mahon later married Daniel Turnbull. The family then moved to Mr. Turnbull's farm west of Mandan. The Turnbulls had one son, Daniel.

THOMAS CONROY (1881)

It was July 30, 1873 when Thomas Conroy, thirty-six years of age, his wife, Mary Elizabeth Conroy, age twenty-seven, and their son Charles, six weeks old, arrived in Bismarck, North Dakota having migrated from Perham, Minnesota. In November of the same year the family moved to Fort Lincoln. Thomas Conroy worked on the river boat until the Missouri froze over. He then became a blacksmith at Fort Lincoln where he worked until 1880. The family home was on the site of the

present stockade. Here William H. Conroy was born.

In 1881 the family moved to Mandan and located at 201 First Avenue Northeast. This location became the original town of Mandan. The Emerson Institute was located directly across the avenue. Mr. Conroy built a log blacksmith shop just north of the site where the First National Bank



Mrs. Thomas Conroy, Sr.

stands today. Here he worked until he retired in 1910.

Other children born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Conroy were: Thomas G., born in Mandan April 1, 1881; Nellie E., born in Mandan March 20, 1883, lived but three years. Mrs. Conroy died November 19, 1906, and Thomas Conroy September 14, 1914.

Charles passed away March 4, 1944, and William June 4, 1953.

PATRICK TOBIN (1874)

Patrick Tobin arrived in Mandan 1874. He was born in Canada August 19, 1855 and was only nineteen on his

arrival here. He became a citizen of the United States in 1881. On October 17, 1883 he married Alice Ellen Kennedy, the marriage being performed by Father Patrick Cassidy.

Children born to Mr. and Mrs. Tobin were: Patrick Owen Tobin, 1884; Alice Ellen Tobin, 1886; M. J. Tobin, 1887; Mary Alice Tobin 1890; Lillian Rose Tobin, 1892; and Edward W. Tobin, 1895.

DR. WILLIAM JAMES MACKIN (1875)

In 1875 Dr. William James Mackin arrived in Mandan with four children: Mattie who died in 1888; Libby died in 1889; William James, Jr. in 1942; and Agnes. The mother Mary Welsh Mackin had died in New York.

In 1886 Dr. Mackin married Ida Benjamin. Two children were born to this union: Roy Mackin and Robert Mackin.

Dr. Mackin was a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, having received his degree in New York state before coming to Mandan. Governor Frank A. Briggs appointed him first State Veterinarian in 1897. Before this appointment Dr. Mackin owned and managed one of Morton County's largest ranches on the Little Heart River near Flasher. He was Deputy Sheriff of Morton County in the 1880's. Dr. Mackin was one of the first property owners in Mandan and saw it grow from a tiny hamlet to a small city. Dr. Mackin died in 1911.

THOMAS GILES UTTLEY

The year 1874 saw the arrival of another young man, Thomas Giles Uttley. Mr. Uttley had taken an active part in the Civil War having joined the Union Army as a drummer boy at the age of seventeen. He was wounded in the Battle of Gettysburg.

When Mr. Uttley arrived in Mandan by boat from St. Louis, he filed a claim near Mandan and later worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad. In

1895 he bought thirty acres of land just south of Mandan and farmed until 1904. When Mrs. Uttley, a sister of Thomas Cantwell, died in 1905, Mr. Uttley returned to his birthplace, Halifax, England for a visit. Two years later he returned to Mandan and lived here until his death, 1925.

DAVID CAREY **(1879)**

David Carey and Mary Marshall, a native of County Mayo, Ireland, were married in Danville, Illinois April 28, 1872. In 1879 with their four children they came to Mandan. John McGinley rowed them across the Missouri River in a skiff. A heavy wind was blowing and as the waves seemed about to submerge them, the mother covered the frightened children with her shawl.

The family lived in a log cabin which they built behind O'Rourke's store, in the 200 block, East Main Street. Mr. Carey helped build the first railroad into Mandan. In 1883 the Careys settled on a homestead on Custer Flats. Crops were poor and Mr. Carey had to do carpenter work in town to provide for the family. Mrs. Carey had many Indian scares.

At this time Mandan had but one doctor, Dr. Coe. Since there was no nurse, Mrs. Carey assisted her friends at childbirth which all pioneer mothers did, without expecting or receiving any remuneration.

Mr. Carey worked on the first bridge into Mandan and when the new Liberty Memorial Bridge was completed, he waited for hours to be the first to cross it in an automobile, remarking "I am thankful I lived to see this day."

Mrs. Carey passed away April 27, 1895 at the age of forty-five. Mr. Carey lived to the age of ninety-one, passing away February 15, 1930. At that time he was the oldest citizen of Mandan.

Children born to the Careys were Delia (Mrs. J. T. Regan), Elizabeth (Mrs. J. H. McDonald), Miss Mayme Carey, John T., Stella (Mrs. J. P. Dougherty.)

JAMES HENRY McGILLIC **JOHN O'ROURKE** **(1879)**

In 1879 James Henry McGillic and John O'Rourke arrived from Malone, New York. The two men started a grocery store known as "O'Rourke and McGillic". In 1882 Charles P. O'Rourke and his brother Richard came to Mandan to join their brother John (O'Rourke and Fitzsimmons). In 1884 Charles and Richard purchased the interests of Mr. McGillic and later the interest of their brother John. Charles continued in the grocery business until 1918.

James McGillic married Mary O'Rourke and they had two children, Winnifred (Mrs. Shay), and Frank. Mrs. McGillic died in 1886. In 1889 Mr. McGillic married Stella Cummins who in 1883 had come to Mandan from Davenport, Iowa with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Cummins. The Cummins' also had one son, Theodore C., who was a long time resident of Mandan.

Mr. C. P. O'Rourke married Minnie E. Nichols of Bismarck in 1889. They had two sons: Richard who died in 1906, and John who resides in the state of Washington.

McAULIFF (Mack) BROS.

Three McAuliff brothers, more commonly known as the Mack brothers, came from Wabasha, Minnesota in early territorial days. Johnnie Mack owned the Headquarters Restaurant in 1882. The Marquis DeMores and Theodore Roosevelt were regular customers when they came to Mandan from Medora. He had an old iron stove on which he cooked buffalo steaks for his customers.

William Mack was a tailor in Mandan for years. His shop was located in the block opposite the depot. He was a bachelor and lived at the Drury home.

Florence McAuliff and his wife lived in Mandan for many years, he be-

ing a successful business man. Their home was located one house east of the present Walton Russell home.

"Little Kelly" an old timer in Mandan is buried in the Florence McAuliff lot in the new Mandan cemetery. He seemed to have no relatives and the McAuliffs decided that he deserved a good resting place; he was such a cheerful little Irishman.

BERNARD FORD

Bernard Ford was born in Stokess-town, County Roscommon, Ireland, in 1857. At the age of twelve he came to the United States. He came to Mandan from Faribault, Minnesota about 1879. His name is among those who attended the first Mass in the Linnehans house in 1879. Mary Ellen Maloney, who in 1883 married Mr. Ford, came to Mandan in 1882, from Montello, Wisconsin. She was born in Shields, Wisconsin in 1857.

During his first year in Mandan, Mr. Ford made a few trips on steamboats going up the Missouri River carrying freight to government posts as far as Fort Buford. These trips involved many dangers. Great herds of buffalo often swam the River and the boats had to keep a close watchout for them. Because Indians were a constant danger, the boats ran without lights at night.

Mr. Ford helped build the first bridge across the Missouri, and when the railroad came in he went to work in the shops. This he continued until 1901 when he went into the draying business, hauling ice, and coal chiefly. John Ford remembers helping his father haul brick for the present Church. It was Mr. Ford's dray that delivered the pipe organ to St. Joseph's Church in 1916.

Two girls and five boys were born to Mr. and Mrs. Ford: Mabel Ford, born in 1884; George, 1885; Edwin, 1887; John, 1889; Harry, 1893; Mary Eva, 1895; and Robert, 1897. The only living children are Robert, of San Diego, California, and John of Mandan.

LOUIS CONNELLY

Louis Connelly came to North Dakota in 1865. He crossed the plains from St. Paul, Minnesota to Fort Berthold with Col. Carahan, Commander of the Third Illinois Cavalry. In 1867 he came back to the Dakotas. In 1879 he married Mary Gertrude Hensler. In 1881 he established a ranch forty miles north of Mandan, then the nearest post office.

Mr. and Mrs. Connelly were pioneer members of St. Joseph's parish. When their children were old enough to attend school, the family spent the school months in Mandan, and then took an active part in parish work. In 1900 they established a permanent residence here.

Children born to the Connells were: Louis Henry, March 11, 1883 in St. Paul, Minnesota; Cecelia Alvera, October 3, 1888 in Hensler, North Dakota; Florence Mary, June 14, 1893, in Mandan.

PHILIP MCCORMACK

Philip McCormack and Susan Freil were married October 21, 1869. They came to Mandan in 1879, Mr. McCormack and brother-in-law John Reilly, coming first by covered wagon. Mrs. McCormack and five children came later.

When Mr. McCormack and Mr. Reilly got to Bismarck they sold the wagon and horses and rowed a raft across the Missouri. The Northern Pacific was under construction at the time and the men worked for the railroad. In 1882 the McCormacks moved to a farm west of Mandan but Mr. McCormack continued working for the railroad. During the winter the family moved into Mandan so the children could attend school.

The children born to the McCormacks before coming to Mandan were: Hannah, (Mrs. James Collins), born September 4, 1870 in Illinois; James Patrick, June 16, also in Illinois; Ellen E., (Mrs. William Andrews), born July 15, 1874 in Boone, Iowa; Margaret, (Mrs. Ira Butler), September 22, 1876,

Boone, Iowa; Philip Henry, February 15, 1879, Boone, Iowa; John, April 11, 1881, Mandan; Susanna, December 4, 1884, Mandan; Catherine, August 10, 1885, Mandan; Philip, August 26, 1890. Philip Henry died August 2, 1881 at the age of two and one-half years. The three youngest children died during an epidemic in 1891.

JOHN BUCKLEY

John Buckley arrived in Mandan in 1879. His wife Margaret, and daughter Mary, came in 1880. The family lived at what is now the Mandan Hotel,, and here Mrs. Buckley helped with the work.

Mr. Buckley was the foreman of a section crew on the Northern Pacific Railroad for a time. Later he became a policeman serving for eighteen years. In those days the work of a policeman was both hard and dangerous. When Mr. Buckley's health failed, he moved to a farm northwest of Mandan where he died.

The Buckleys had eleven children, four of whom died in infancy. Michael and Rose (Mrs. John P. Andrews) are now deceased. James and Philip live in Mandan and work for the Northern Pacific; Thomas lives on a farm near Breien; Agnes (Mrs. George Wyborny) lives in Iowa; John Jr. lives in Montana.

THE DRURYS

Another pioneer family in Mandan was the Drury family who came from Wabasha, Minnesota about 1876.

The Drurys lived in the house now owned by Wm. Pederson. Mrs. Drury was a widow for many years. People recall that she owned the first apple tree in Mandan, and she was kept busy keeping the children of the neighborhood out of it.

Mrs. Drury kept roomers, one of them being Wm. Mack (McAuliff) the tailor. She was a practical nurse and very generous with her time and services.

The Drury children were: James,

who was in business with Pat Tobin for many years; he built the home now occupied by the Emineth family at 410 Third Avenue Northwest; Edward, deceased; Michael, who lived at Dickinson. John Drury married in St. Joseph's Church by Father Collins, and buried from the same church; Mary (Mrs. Mahar), deceased, and Kate, (Mrs. Ritchey).

CON PEOPLES

Con Peoples of the firm, Peoples and Shields, was born in Europe 1860 and came to America in 1878. In 1880 he came to Mandan where he engaged in business. The firm, Peoples and Shields, was the largest livery, feed and sales stable in Morton County.

George Peoples was a brother of Con. He owned the Peoples Hotel (now owned by Mrs. Romer). It was a very fine hotel, and in the summer when families did not want to build fires and heat up their homes, they went to the Peoples Hotel and enjoyed a delicious home cooked dinner. Mr. Shay, a conductor on the Northern Pacific, was a regular boarder for many years. The Hotel was finally sold to Mr. Pat McGinley.

The Peoples had two children, Fanny and Willie.

CATHERINE WELSH

Catherine Walsh was born in County Mayo, Ireland in 1838. There she and Mr. O'Brien were married. They came to St. Louis where their son William was born. Mr. O'Brien joined the army and was sent to Canada on a mission where he died of typhoid. Mrs. O'Brien then married Robert Welsh and they came by steamboat up the Missouri to Fort Buford. Mrs. O'Brien's son, William, took the name Welsh. He tells of going berry picking on a pony and being chased home by the Indians.

Later the Welshes (Mr. Welsh was also in the army) were sent to Fort Lincoln at Mandan. After Mr. Welch's discharge they operated a dairy farm three miles south of Mandan and



Seated: Robert Welch, Sr.; Mrs. Catherine (O'Brien) Welch. Standing: Robert, Jr.; Wm. (O'Brien) Welch; George Welch.

supplied dairy products to Fort Lincoln and Mandan.

The Welches had two sons, Robert and George. William, Mrs. Welch's son, and Robert were both Passenger Engineers on the Northern Pacific Railroad and George continued on the farm.

William married Catherine Hoefler. After her husband's death, Mrs. Welch married Charles Ostrum. She now resides with her daughter, Mrs. Paul Foster in Mandan. Robert Walsh married Mattie Knudson, and George married Matilda Miller.

JAMES DOOLEY

James Dooley and Catherine Mullen were married in Mandan February 7, 1883. Catherine Mullen had come here in 1880 with her brother, Jerry Mullen. Children born to Mr.

and Mrs. Dooley were John, Nell, Mayme, Florence, and Robert. Mrs. Dooley often entertained her children with stories of the big flood, and the Indian outbreaks, especially the outbreak of 1892.

Mr. Dooley had an ice wagon service for many years. All the children in town sneaked rides at one time or another just to get small pieces of ice to eat.

John Dooley helped his father deliver ice during the summer vacation and after school. Friends of the Dooley children had many a good meal and snack at the Dooley home. The last home the family built is now owned by William Cummins at Second Avenue Northwest.

MRS. MARY C. CHAPO

Mrs. Mary Catherine Chapo, mother of Mrs. Cecile Atkinson, came

to Mandan from Illmitz, a village a short distance from Vienna, Austria in 1883.

Mrs. Chapo kept house for Father Lemmieux for a while. She also kept house for Father Collins until his mother came. Mrs. Atkinson recalls that she and her sister, Marie, were there also.

Mrs. Chapo told her daughters many interesting stories of early life in Mandan, especially the Indian uprising of 1890.

DANIEL CONNELLY

Daniel Connelly came to North Dakota in 1882 and bought land forty miles north of Mandan. The following year he brought his family, wife and three small daughters, to the home he had built for them. From that time until 1906 they belonged to St. Joseph's parish in Mandan. Distance made it impossible for them to get to church oftener than a couple of times a year.

The younger children, Nellie, Genevieve, Daniel D., and Vincent were baptized in Mandan. The eldest daughter, Mary Josette, married John W. Greenshields. Miss Jose V. Connelly and four other daughters of the Connellys still live in Oliver County, forty miles north of Mandan.

Mrs. Daniel Connelly, Sr., passed away in 1911 and is buried in Jessenland, Minnesota. Mr. Connelly passed away in 1917 and is also buried in Jessenland.

JOHN GEO. GRUNENFELDER

John George Grunenfelder came from Wnags, Switzerland in 1882. He stopped in Dubuque, Iowa before coming to Bismarck. Remaining there a short time he crossed the River to Mandan. April 3, 1883 Mr. Grunenfelder married Theresa Welty whom he had met in Dubuque, and who was also of Swiss descent. They made their home in Mandan for several years during which time they operated a bakery and sold lunches to train passengers. Mr. Grunenfelder also served for a time as city auditor.

When the family left Mandan in the spring of 1891 there were five chil-

dren: George, Mary, Theresa, Frank, and Hatti (Mrs. Louis Eckroth). The oldest son, George, lived in Mandan for about twenty years and at present resides in Idaho Falls, Idaho. During the years the family spent here, Mr. Grunenfelder was active in church work and was a regular member of the choir.

ANTON GRUNENFELDER

Anton Grunenfelder, a brother of George, also came to Mandan from Switzerland arriving in 1890. For a time he worked for George in the bakery. He married Theresa Miller of the St. Anthony vicinity and they made their home in Mandan for many



Wedding of Mr. & Mrs. Anton Grunenfelder

years. Anton Grunenfelder was a butcher and meat cutter by trade.

Mr. Grunenfelder had a fine tenor voice and for many years sang in St. Joseph's church choir. When St. Joseph's Church was incorporated, he was one of the first trustees. During the years spent in Mandan Mr. Grunenfelder served a term as City Treasurer, and a term as City Alderman.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Anton Grunenfelder: Louise (Mrs. George Franklet); Antonia (Mrs. Bridges of Bradenton, Florida; and

Francis of Anaheim, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Grunenfelder moved to Bradenton, Florida about 1940 and have both passed away.

THOMAS DELANEY CANTWELL

Thomas Delaney Cantwell was born in County Kilkenny, Ireland November 2, 1842. Coming to St. Louis where an elder brother and two sisters



Mr. & Mrs. Thom. Cantwell & son Michael

had already settled, Thomas Cantwell worked on a railroad grade for two years. During the Civil War he worked on the Mississippi River steamboats in the service of the Federal government. Later he worked on boats coming up the Missouri to Bismarck. In 1876 he was a member of the crew on the "West Wind" during the Custer

Massacre.

The State penitentiary now stands on land that was filed as a tree claim by Mr. Cantwell. He relinquished this land to file on the farm directly south and adjoining Mandan.

During a visit to Ireland Mr. Cantwell married Margaret Hayden. He returned to Mandan with his bride October 26, 1883.

Employed by the government, he hauled freight with mules from Mandan and Bismarck to Fort Lincoln and later to Fort Rice. Mr. Cantwell worked with mules on the railroad grades in the Black Hills for two years after which he returned to Mandan where he farmed and raised cattle. He also sold and delivered sand from his land for most of the building in Mandan up to 1916. For about ten years he was employed by the Northern Pacific railroad.

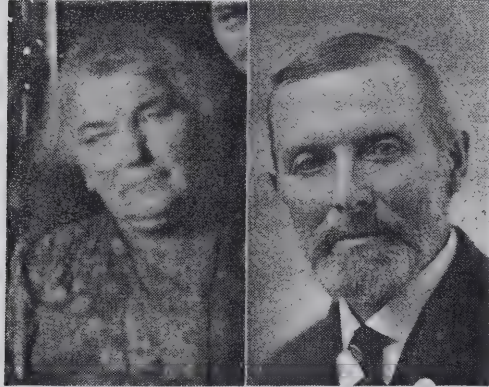
Mrs. Cantwell was a second cousin of Sister Elizabeth Kenney of polio fame. Sister Kenney's father who was Mrs. Cantwell's first cousin emigrated to Australia from County Kilkenny, Ireland. Mrs. Cantwell recalled hearing of a cousin, John Kenny who went to Australia in 1871, twelve years before she married and came to America. In her youth when news from Australia came back to her family in Ireland she dreamed of going to "The Land Down Under." Had she lived seven more years she would have been able to meet the daughter of John Kenny, Sister Elizabeth Kenney, who came to America in 1940 for polio work.

The following children were born to the Cantwells: Michael (Billings, Montana); Julia (Mrs. Edward Massey) Mandan; Mary, (Mrs. Henry J. Schafer) Mandan; Teresa (Mrs. Peter J. Carney) Fort Worth, Texas; Bridella (Mrs. A. J. Hammerel), Mandan; Thomas, John, Joseph, and Sarah, died in childhood.

Mr. Cantwell died in 1924, and Mrs. Cantwell in 1933. Following Mrs. Cantwell's death the children gave to St. Joseph's Church a solid gold chalice with jewels and engraving as a memorial to their parents.

RICHARD BAUKNECHT

Richard Bauknecht, one of Morton County's early settlers, was born in Baden-Baden, Germany, January 24, 1858. He came to America in 1883, spent a year in Cleveland, Ohio, and then traveled on to North Dakota, where he lived for a short while at Glen Ullin before making his permanent home in Mandan. Here he



was employed by Cummins, Thorberg and Theis Store until opening a shoe store of his own. At the turn of the century he operated a store at Fort Yates for four years, but in 1906 began working for the Northern Pacific Railroad and was employed by the N. P. until his retirement in 1922. After the death of his wife in 1917, he lived with his daughter, Mrs. Edward Knudson, until his own death on February 9, 1943.

A yellowed obituary written at the death of his wife, Mary Catherine Schneider, gives us more details of the family. It says, "Her demise was due to tumor of the liver from which she had been suffering for two months. The last sad rites were held at St. Joseph's Church Monday morning (April, 1917) when a Requiem Mass was said by Rev. Father Clement who also preached a most appropriate sermon. The deceased was among the most popular ladies of Mandan and in her death Mandan loses one of the best members of the Catholic Church . . . She was one of the very few charter members of the Lady Maccabees, Mandan tent, a member of the Degree of Honor, Yoeman and Catholic Foresters, and also of the Ladies Altar

Society."

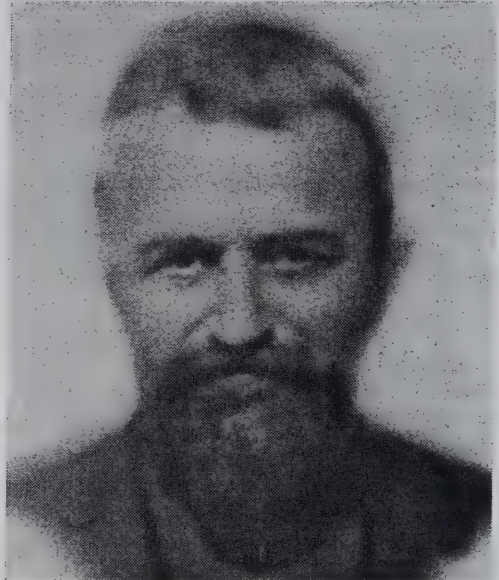
Mary Catherine Schneider was born in Cologne, Germany, July 25, 1861. She came to the United States with her parents in 1882 and located in St. Louis, Missouri. Ill health overtook members of the family and they were obliged to move elsewhere. They went to Minnesota where they met the settlers' colony which later moved to New Salem. The Schneider family reached New Salem in 1883 and resided there for a few years.

Mary Catherine met and married Richard Bauknecht at Bismarck in 1886, there being no priest in Mandan at that time. They made their home in Mandan and, according to the obituary, "at the time of Mrs. Bauknecht's first sight of Mandan she told of there being only one or two stores on Main Street. This fact is sufficient evidence to satisfy that she was one of the very first to locate in Mandan."

The Bauknechts had four children: Mary Catherine (Mrs. Edward Knudson), who died here in January, 1953; Tilda (Mrs. Frank Binder) who lives in Marshfield, Wisconsin; Joseph, Portland, Oregon, died Jan. 1956; and William, a resident of Mandan.

PETER A. MILLER

In September, 1884, Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Miller and their six children



arrived in Mandan from Valley City, Ohio. Mrs. Miller's maiden name was Regina Bellheimer. She married Peter Miller February 12, 1870 in Ohio.

The family later moved to St. Anthony but in 1911 they returned to Mandan and lived at 506 First Avenue Northwest. Mr. Miller passed away April 28, 1915 and Mrs. Miller died



Mrs. Peter A. Miller

July 28, 1921.

Children born to the Millers were as follows: Frank, Lena, Theresa, Caroline, Andrew, and Joseph born in Ohio. Ambrose, Paul, Mary and Veronica were born in St. Anthony.

OWEN KENNEDY

Owen Kennedy and Bridget Flannigan were married in Dublin, Ireland June 16, 1848. In 1850 they embarked for New York. They settled in Fall River, Massachusetts where Owen Kennedy, was employed in the iron works. Later the family moved to Wabasha Co., Minnesota. Mr. Kennedy was drafted into the Union Army during the Civil War and served eighteen months.

In 1884 the family, now including five children, left by train for Mandan, North Dakota arriving March 4. In

spite of many hardships such as floods and Indian uprisings, the family stayed and liked Mandan.

In the early winter of 1892 Mr. Kennedy became ill and in spite of all the care which a good family could give him, he passed away in February 1893. In August the mother passed away leaving the family to care for themselves.

There were ten children: Thomas, Owen, Mary, Alice, Matthew, Hughie, Peter Anna, Rose, and James.

THOMAS KENNEDY

Thomas Kennedy, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Kennedy, was born in 1857 while they were living in Wabasha, Minnesota. Alice Slattery Kennedy was born in Wabasha December 11, 1864. They were married by Father Trobek at Wabasha October 9, 1881.

In 1882 the Thomas Kennedys headed west with their household goods and a cow bell. It was two years before they had use for the bell since they had no money to buy a cow. They came to Mandan and lived in a small house in the Syndicate near the present golf course. Here Thomas Edward was born October 8, 1882.

A short time later they left for the Knife River Country and located on a homestead near the present town of Hazen; the post office was Stanton. The priest from St. Joseph's parish in Mandan called on them at least once a year and attended to their spiritual needs. A daughter Alice Kennedy (Dahners) was born on the homestead December 2, 1885. She was baptized at their home near Knife River by Father Martin Schmidt, O.S.B., May 1886.

The family lived on the homestead the required five years and were ready to prove up their claim when Mr. Kennedy was drowned in the Knife River while trying to cross in a row boat to get to Mandan. The body was not recovered until six weeks later because of the flood waters (1888).

Broken hearted, Mrs. Kennedy buried her husband on a hill on the farm and went to Mandan to live. All



Mrs. Alice Kennedy Conyne

she had was the homestead and seven dollars. In the fall the body of Mr. Kennedy was brought to Mandan for burial. John Joseph Kennedy was born in Mandan July 27, 1888. For eighteen years Mrs. Kennedy supported herself and three children by sewing.

In 1904 after the family was reared and all had trades, Mrs. Kennedy married C. G. Conyne. She worked in the Conyne Jewelry Store until she passed away August 7, 1928 after a long and useful life.

THE SHEILDS FAMILY

The Shields family were also early residents of Mandan. Mr. Shields ran a livery and feed stable just back of the Romer Hotel; he rented horse and buggy ensembles by the hour. Mr. Conroy's blacksmith shop was across the street and Racenk's Harness Shop was to the north of the Shields home.

The Shields had no children but Mrs. Shields was very fond of all the

Mandan children. When the Dooleys, McGillics, Bessie Nichols, and Alice Kennedy went to the Heart River Woods for picnics, they stopped on the way to say "Hello" to Mrs. Shields whose home was on the slope south of the Mandan Community Hospital. She always had cookies for them.

After the death of Mr. Shields, Mrs. Shields wanted to be nearer the Church so she had their house moved to the block southeast of St. Joseph's Church. She donated the lovely statue, **OUR SORROWFUL MOTHER.**

DENNIS TOBIN

Dennis Tobin and Jane White Tobin were married in Canada in 1880. Mr. Tobin came to Mandan in 1884; Mrs. Tobin and three daughters came in 1886. With them came their aunt, Mary Ann Tobin who was later to become the wife of Mr. James Drury.

The Tobin's had three children when they came to Mandan: Mary



(Mrs. Irwin Wickam); Ellen (Mrs. Fred Tharp); Elizabeth (Mrs. Lib. Fellows). Six children were born after the family came to Mandan: James, who died at the age of three; John, living in California; Margaret, (Mrs. Jack Shotwell); of Fargo; William, living in Seattle; Charles, died in Euphrata, Washington in 1954; and Bruce, living in Seattle.

MIKE PITZER

In 1881 Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pitzer, Sr. came to America from Austria-Hungary. They first settled in Omaha, Nebraska but the following year moved on to Springfield, Minnesota where they met Joseph Schmidt and Math Weigle, brothers-in-law. After living there for one year they decided to move farther west. Their belongings were packed in a wagon drawn by two oxen. In the fall of 1885 they crossed the Missouri and settled in Mandan, where Mr. Pitzer found employment in the Northern Pacific round house.

Still not satisfied that this was the life he wished to live, Mr. Pitzer took a claim sixteen miles south of Mandan on the old telegraph road between St. Anthony and Schmidt. Here he developed three sections of land into a ranch. In time he retired and settled in Mandan. Shortly after this Mrs. Pitzer died, and he lived with his children until he remarried.

Mike Pitzer, Jr., was born in Austria in 1879. He came to the United States and lived with his parents until he married Caroline Weinhandl who had migrated to America in 1888. Miss Weinhandl settled in Mandan and worked for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Winbauer at the Winbauer Hotel.

In 1889 Mike Pitzer, Jr., took a claim near that of his parents. In 1901 he and Caroline Weinhandl were married but they lived with Mr. Pitzer's parents until the following year when they moved to their own land. Here they had built a long, log "shack" which enclosed not only their living quarters but also a hen house and the barns. Mr. Pitzer's parents had given them two horses, a cow, two hogs, and four chickens.

During the winter Mr. Pitzer went out as early as three o'clock in the morning to chop wood. He worked all day, often in weather below zero. The following morning before sunrise he was on his way to town where he sold the wood to homes.

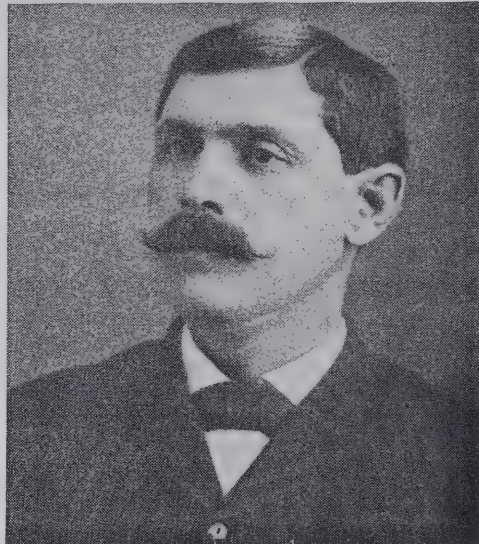
Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Pitzer. Two died in infancy. Living in Mandan are Martin and

Julia. Roy, Clarence, Edwin, and Eva (Mrs. Jack Leingang) live in Tacoma, Washington. Mary (Mrs. Genard Olson) lives in Shetek, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Pitzer died in 1940. In 1950 Mr. Pitzer retired and moved to Mandan. For three years the farm was operated by Martin Pitzer; then sold.

THOMAS KENNELLY

Thomas Cronen Kennelly and Mary Ellen Kane were married in St. Mary's Church in Chicago, Illinois about 1857. Mr. Kennelly, born in Canada, came to Mandan from Aberdeen, Dakota Territory in 1886. Mrs. Kennelly and five children followed the



Mr. Thomas Kennelly

next year arriving in Mandan May 1, 1887 in a real Dakota blizzard. Said one of the daughters, "Mother would like to have gone back but she was a real pioneer and made up her mind to stay. The first thing the family did was to pray the Rosary and ask protection from the Indians."

There were few families at that time but they all worked together. Mr. Kennelly had the "Fair Store" with two other men. He was kind hearted and always gave work to new men coming to town. He was also interested in children and tried to plan for them. When he passed away many came to



Mrs. Thomas Kennelly

his home and related what he had done for them as children.

The Kennellys had ten children: William J., born in Chicago, died in Mandan; James born in Chicago, died in Aberdeen; Bernie E., born in Aberdeen; Elizabeth, born in Plankinton, South Dakota; Thomas G. C. (Cleve) born in Aberdeen; Agnes Stella (Mrs. Harvey Williams), born in Aberdeen; Roy Douglas, John Kane, Gertrude (Mrs. J. P. Fleck); Margaret Helen (Mrs. H. C. Funden) were born in Mandan.

JOHN OPITZ

John Opitz and Mary Tschida Opitz resided in St. Paul, Minnesota for a short time after their arrival from Austria. In October 1887 they came to Mandan and lived here until 1892 when they homesteaded south of town at Little Heart, now St. Anthony. In 1912 they moved back to Mandan and built a home at 211 First Avenue Northeast. Mr. Opitz passed away in February 1943; Mrs. Opitz February 1947.

Children born to Mr. and Mrs. Opitz are: Katherine, Pauline (Mrs. Ralph Friesz), Rose (Mrs. Frank Lockbeam); and Henry M. of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

JAMES A. AUGHNAY

James A. Aughnay came to Mandan from Cobden, Ontario, Canada in 1882. Luke Aughnay came earlier to be followed by his brothers James, Ed., Philip, George, John and a sister, Jane (Mrs. Dorsey Shook).

James Aughnay had a horse ranch for many years near Little Heart. In later years he farmed. In January 1888 he returned to Cobden and on January 8th married Bridget Reynolds. Mr. Aughnay told the story of their delayed return due to the blizzard of 1888.

Luke Aughnay married a sister of James' wife. In 1897 both wives died of spinal meningitis. About 1900 James married Mary Campbell.

The children of the first marriage were: Agnes (Mrs. Michael Cantwell) of Billings, Montana; Nellie (Mrs. James Regan) of Sacramento, California; Annie (Mrs. Joe Carney), Sacramento; James Bernard; Stella (Mrs. Jack Osbourn), Stockton, California. Children of the second union were Myrtle and Albert.

PATRICK MOORE

Mr. Patrick Moore and Bridget Ann Sennott Moore, parents of Mrs. George Ford came to Dakota from Minnesota in 1888. Mr. Moore came first and settled at Eagle's Nest but shortly moved to Glen Ullin where he became section foreman. Mrs. Moore and Katherine (Mrs. George Ford) came a little later when Katherine was but two or three months old.

In 1900 the family moved to a ranch fifty miles north of Glen Ullin but Glen Ullin was the nearest church, and the priests from Mandan took care of the spiritual needs of the people in that area. It took three days for the family to attend church; one day to go, one there, and one day to get home.

The Bishop could not get to the parishes often in those days and so children were older when confirmed. When a church was built at Hazen, the family attended that as it was only nine miles from the ranch.

When Mrs. Moore arrived at Eagle's Nest it was nothing more than a water tank and section house. She

cooked for days on a camp fire until the household goods came. She was often frightened by the Indians. One day she took her daughter and went up into the water tank and waited until the men came home.

The Moore children were: Katherine (Mrs. George Ford); John; Alice Moore Peake; Anna, who died when seventeen months old; James, deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Moore, Anna and James are buried in Glen Ullin.

FRANK JOSEPH BARTH

Frank Joseph Barth arrived in Mandan in 1891. Others coming at the same time were: George Stein and family; Peter Stein; Peter Schmidt; and Joseph Huff.

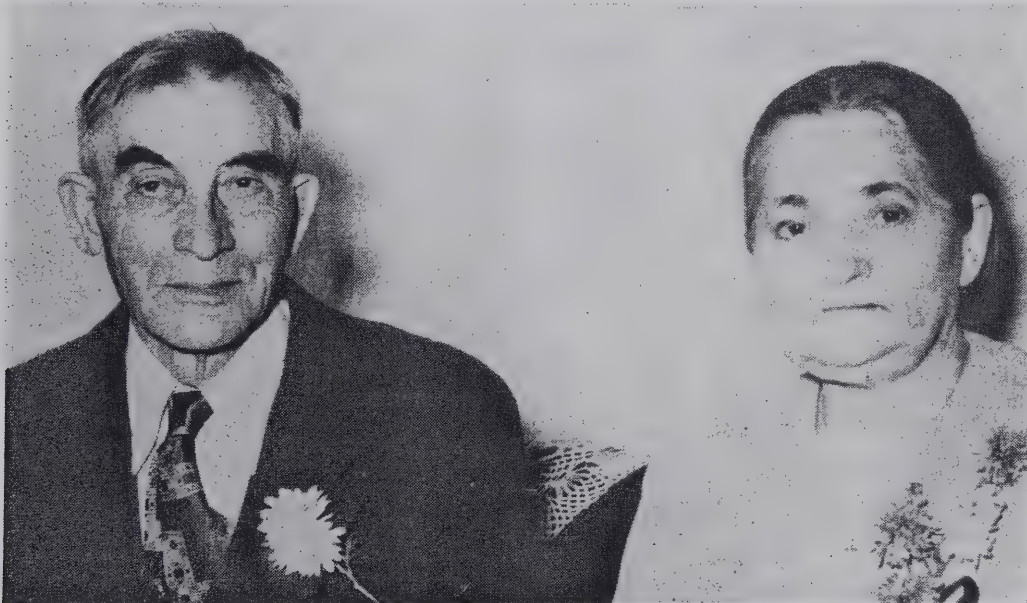
On May 7, 1893 Frank Barth married Frances Jochim. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barth: Elizabeth in 1895; Margaret, 1895; Philippine, (Mrs. Eugene Myers), 1893; Frank, 1899; Linus, 1901; Odelia, 1905; Joseph, 1907; Rose, 1909; Barbara, 1911; and Eva Marie, 1915.

MARCUS & FRANCES FROELICH

Marcus and Frances Froelich came to Mandan from Russia October 5, 1891 with their eight children: Alexander, Catherine (Mrs. Frank Bleth); Joe; Mary (Mrs. John Ereth); Jacob; Frances (Mrs. George Renner); Margaret (Mrs. Roy Dinius); and Philip. Born to them in Mandan were Barbara (Mrs. Hesdorpher); Elizabeth (Mrs. Elmer Sjolander); and Rose.

Alexander, the eldest son, married Elizabeth Leingang in 1893. He worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad, operated a livery stable, and served as street commissioner. Later he worked for his son John in the Service Motor Sales.

The children born to this couple are John of Mandan; Frances (Mrs. John S. Gustafson), Mandan; Lillian (Mrs. Leo Eckroth); Magdaline (Mrs. Jack Hutzenbehler); Andrew; Anton; Alex J.; and William, all of Mandan. Catherine (Mrs. Murphy) and Elizabeth (Mrs. Harold Blandin) are deceased.



Mr. and Mrs. Michael Beckler

MICHAEL BECKLER

Michael Beckler came to Mandan from Russia in 1887. He married Magdaline Lanz in November 1897. They lived at the Mackin Ranch for

six years, then moved to a farm near Fallon.

The living children are Mary, Gregory, Joseph, Christine, Rose, Peter, Leo, Ted, William, and Benita.

ERNEST STEINBRUECK

Mr. Ernest Steinbrueck was born October 23, 1836 in Duesseldorf, Germany. His early education was received in the public schools of Germany. Later he graduated from the Eldnau University. In 1865 Mr. Steinbrueck married Miss Valesha Melbitz. Soon after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Steinbrueck migrated to Canada, locating in Ottawa, where they lived for eleven years. From Ottawa they moved to Cleveland, Ohio where they lived until 1882 when they came to Morton County.

Mr. Steinbrueck filed on a homestead near Glen Ullin where the family lived until 1890 when they came to Mandan. Mr. Steinbrueck took great interest in Indian history and relics and can be called an archaeologist. He contributed much to the State Historical Society with which he was connected as field secretary. Mr. Steinbrueck wrote a book entitled MY RED BROTHER which critics have rated highly.

Thirteen children were born to the Steinbruecks. Two died in Cleveland. Other deceased members of the family are: Mrs. Elizabeth Keidel who died at the old home in Syndicate; J. R. Steinbrueck, Helena; E. M. Steinbrueck, Mandan; Mrs. Joseph Beisinger, Billings; Mrs. George Hubbard, Billings; William of Mandan; Mrs. G. E. Brown, Missoula; J. C. Steinbrueck, Auburn, Washington. Three members of the family are living: Otto of Auburn, Washington; George and A. J. Steinbrueck of Mandan.

JAMES W. HAINES

James W. Haines and wife, Bridget Elizabeth, moved to Bismarck, Dakota Territory, from Pennsylvania about 1882. They came to Mandan in 1898. One of the daughters, Mary Ellen, married Edward M. Steinbrueck of Mandan. Other daughters were Cora, Elizabeth and Amelda. There was one son, Willie. Mr. Haines was a railroad man for the Northern Pacific for many years.

ROCHUS HELBLING

Rochus Helbling and Dorothy Knoll Helbling migrated to the United States and to Mandan in 1891. With them came their six daughters: Bertha (Mrs. Arthur Owens); Veronica (Mrs. Nick Ressler); Agnes (Mrs. Raymond Schumacher); Amelia, now living in Los Angeles; Arthur, living in Moscow, Idaho; Eva, living in St. Paul. Born after the family came to the United States were Katherine, now a nurse in Spokane, Washington; and Joseph, living in Pullman, Washington.

Mrs. Helbling's father, Alexander Knoll, and his three sons, Anton, Jacob, and Joseph came to the United States at the same time; also a daughter, Barbara Knoll.

After three days in Mandan, Mr. Helbling got a job with the Bingenheimer Company for \$50 a month, big money at the time. The family bought a cow and some chickens and got along very well. A three room house which they bought for \$225 served their needs until they were able to build an additional room. This story is told elsewhere.

After Mrs. Helbling's death, Mr. Helbling married Barbara Geiger. To them were born two daughters: Agnes Helbling Blumhagen, and Rose (Mrs. Frank McGinnis) of Glendive. Mrs. Rochus Helbling is perhaps the oldest



member of the parish, she will be 96 in September. One month ago she was taken to the Cheyenne Memorial Hospital in Valley City, North Dakota.

GOTTLIEB GRESS

In 1893 the following families migrated to the Mandan area from Felzenburg, Russia: Gottlieb Gress, Dominic Zander, Anton Gress, Peter Gress, August Ereth, and Matt Moser.

About 1870 Gottlieb Gress married Madgalena Zander. When they came to the United States they had five children: Casper, Joseph, Michael, Rosila, and Matilda. Kathryn was born in Mandan in 1894.

Mr. Gress took a homestead seven miles north of Mandan in 1895 after living two years in the Girard addition. The family was very poor and had to be content with boxes of various sizes for furniture. For the small four-room house in the Girard addition they paid one dollar a month rent.

The church at that time was the white frame church which later became the school and Sisters' Home. Father Collins was Pastor.

MATHIAS RENNER

Mathias Renner was born in Russia in 1858. In 1885 he married Elizabeth Anton. Mr. and Mrs. Renner with their three sons migrated to the United States and to Mandan in 1893. The family homesteaded in west St. Anthony, but Mandan was their nearest town and St. Joseph's their church. Ambrose Renner, one of the sons, lives at 408 Second Avenue Northeast; Carl, died in 1918; Nick Renner now lives in Portland, Oregon.

Bridget Renner, a daughter, married John Weber. Mr. Weber died in 1945, and Mrs. Weber now lives in Mandan at 400 First Avenue Northeast. Rose Renner married Peter Helbling. Veronica Renner, another daughter, married Lawrence Welk, known for his musical program on television. The Welks now live in Los Angeles, California.



Left to right standing: George; Frank; Chris; Elizabeth; William; Eva. Seated: Mr. Adam Wetzstein with Joseph; Mrs. Wetzstein with Adam, Jr.; Emma. Honus is not pictured.

ADAM WETZSTEIN

Adam A. Wetzstein and Magdaline Geiger were married in 1885. In 1892 they arrived in Mandan. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wetzstein are: John, born in 1890, deceased; Elizabeth,

born in 1892, deceased; Chris A. born in 1894, living in St. Paul, Minnesota; William L. born in 1896, living in Helena, Montana; Eva (Mrs. C. T. Cody) born in 1898; Frank, 1900; George, 1902; Emma, 1904; Joseph, 1907; Adam, 1909.

ANDREW ECKROTH

Andrew and Gatherine Eckroth migrated from the village of Karlsruhe in Southern Russia (the Ukraine) and arrived in Mandan November 11, 1891. Mr. Eckroth was a brother of Mrs. Paul Knoll and the two families came together.

Five children were born to the Eckroths: Gabriel died in 1929; Francis was fatally burned and died in 1894; Mrs. Edith Holmes lives at St. Benedict's Home for the Aged in Dickinson; Louis lives in Mandan. Mary



Back row, standing: Frances Eckroth, Edith, Gabriel. Front row: Mrs. Eckroth, Louis, Mr. Andrew Eckroth.

(Mrs. Z. J. DeChandt) was the eldest daughter. She had been married shortly before the family migrated and did not come with them. In 1906, however, she also came. She passed away in 1952. One son, Anthony DeChandt, and one daughter, Ida (Mrs. H. T. Wickam) now reside in Mandan.

VALENTINE HELBLING

Valentine Helbling came to the United States from Russia arriving in Mandan May 10, 1893. The Helblings attended the first church in Mandan, and the children were baptised here. From 1893 to 1898 Mr. Helbling work-

ed on the Parkin Ranch. After this the family moved to a homestead near St. Anthony. Mrs. Helbing died in 1914, and Mr. Helbling in 1938.

The Helblings had six sons: John, Alfred, and Peter were born in Russia; Henry, Nick, and Valentine were born after the Helblings came to the United States. John and Henry now live in Tacoma, Washington.

Peter married Rose Renner in 1913, and now lives at 704, Seventh Street northwest. Alfred lives in Mandan at Second Avenue Northeast; Nick at Fifth Avenue Northwest; Valentine at fourth Avenue northeast.

FRED SAGMILLER

In 1882 Frederick Sagmiller and Margaret Fix were married in Russia. In 1892 they arrived in Mandan with two children: Christine born in Russia in 1887, and Joseph, also born in Russia, 1889. The family later moved to Richardton. Other children born to the Sagmillers were John, 1892; Elizabeth, 1896; Anna, 1900; and Peter, 1904.

DOMINIC ZANDER

Dominic Zander and wife, Elizabeth Berger Zander, settled in the Crown Butte area, seventeen miles northwest of Mandan. The party had come by way of Montreal and Winnipeg, Canada. They looked at land near Regina but when they found ice in the wells in June, they decided to move on.

Like most immigrant families they did not have much money. One of the sons, Frank Zander, now living in Mandan relates their financial difficulties. When they had bought the few things that were absolutely necessary, they were out of money. Mike Lang, he says, had a store, and he was always willing to give credit until more money could be raised.

The nearest Church was St. Joseph's in Mandan. Sometimes Father Collins came to Crown Butte.

Children born to the Dominic Zanders were: Frank, Raphael, George, and Marian Zander Sturn.

MATHIAS MOSER

Mathias and Elizabeth Matz Moser came to the United States in the same party as the Zanders and Gresses, 1893. They settled in Mandan. Mr. Moser



Matt Moser

worked on a farm six miles north of Mandan walking to work each day and home in the evening. After a time he started a grocery store and butcher shop with H. S. Friesz. In 1912 Mr. Moser went to Canada and took a claim. The following year the family



Mrs. Elizabeth Moser

also went to Canada. They lived there until 1917 when they returned to Mandan.

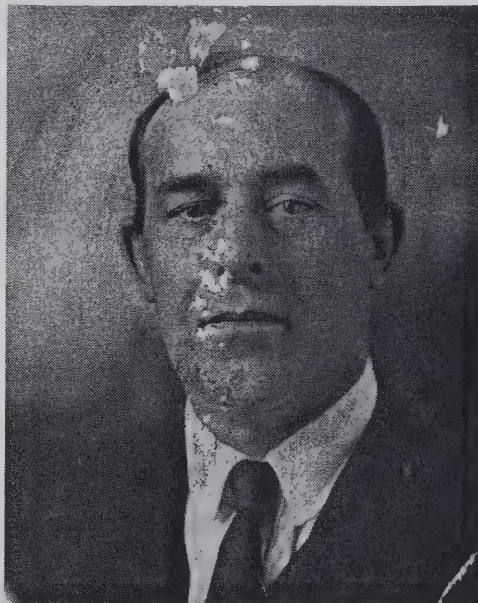
Nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Moser: Bertha, who died in 1918; Katherine (Mrs. Bart Hammel), Saskatchewan, Canada; Frances (Mrs. W. L. Doyle), California; Adam, Auburn, Washington; Monica (Mrs. Jacob Froelich), Mandan; Edward, Colome, South Dakota; Anton, Mandan; Elizabeth (Mrs. Clarence Robideau), Springfield, Oregon; Margaret (Mrs. Homer Arnold), Rochester, Washington.

Mr. Moser died in 1933. Mrs. Moser celebrated her eighty second birthday May 1, 1956.

WILLIAM BOEHM

William Boehm and Margaret Hoff Boehm migrated from Germany in 1891. They came to Mandan in 1894 but shortly after went to Richardton.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Boehm; Leo and Joseph in Germany; Minnie (Mrs. Samuel Amonn); Phillip; Matilda (Mrs.



Neil Van Eyck); Rose (Mrs. Paul Bennet) born after the family came to the United States.

Mr. Boehm died in 1914 and Mrs.

Boehm in 1947. The children tell how their mother labored for the Church. Before bazaars she went out asking for donations, anything people were willing to give. On one occasion the Bingeneheimer Mercantile Company donated a buggy; the other lumber yard a harness. The Kennelly Furniture Company gave a bedroom suite. Stores gave such things as cases of oranges, pails of candy (and the children couldn't have a piece). She also collected two hundred dollars in cash.

GEORGE KUPPER

George Kupper and Seraphine Fix were married in 1890. They first went to South Dakota, and later to Richardton. In November of 1897 they came to Mandan.

Mr. Kupper was a carpenter. In addition to building homes he made caskets, tables, cupboards, and cradles.

Children born to the Koppers were: Steve, Peter, and Anton born in Russia; Mary in South Dakota; Jacob, Nicodemus and Alexander in Richardton.

LEVI RONCO

On May 3, 1883 Levi Ronco and Mary A. Flynn were married. Mr. Ronco came to Mandan but returned to Minneapolis. In 1884 he brought Mrs. Ronco to North Dakota; they settled near Medora. After a year they returned to Minneapolis. In 1897 Mr. Ronco came to Mandan as Northern Pacific yardmaster. Mr. Ronco was an alderman when the city government of Mandan was changed to the city commission form.

The Ronco's helped build St. Joseph's parish. When they were proprietors of the "Family Theater" about 1915, they gave the proceeds of two shows toward furnishing the chapel in the Sisters' Home. When Mrs. Ronco died, the Sisters' took a small organ to the cemetery where they played and sang during the burial service. They had promised that prayers would be said for the Roncos so long as the Chapel was used. Father William V. Dolan, a cousin, preached the funeral

sermon for Mrs. Ronco. He was an early missionary in Dakota Territory around Yankton.

Children born to the Roncos were: Mary Eleanor (Mrs. Wm. McCormick,



Sr.); Charles William; Edward J.; Joseph L.; Josephine, (Mrs. William Walton); and George E.

Mary Eleanor Ronco McCormick was a member of the first graduating class of the Mandan High School. She and Wm. McCormick were the first to be married in the new church.

MIKE KNOLL

Mike Knoll came to Mandan from Russia when he was twenty-three years of age, arriving June 21, 1898. In 1902 he married Barbara Kuntz. Eight children were born to the Knolls; four are living: Emmanuel in Spokane; John in Duluth, Minnesota; Andrew in Spokane; and Clemens in Mandan.

For several years Mr. Knoll worked for the Mandan Mercantile. While there he delivered much of the material that went into the present church. For two years he was coachman for H. R. Lyons, President of the First National Bank. He was also on the police force for several years. In 1920 he began working for the Northern Pacific Railway, and worked there until he retired in 1945.

The Stories They Tell

The pioneers endured many hardships for their faith. There were other hardships too: fear of the Indians; floods; blizzards; and worst of all perhaps, lack of money.

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Mrs. Thomas Cantwell told her children how her nephew, Mike Powers, and her brother-in-law, Thomas Uttley, got to Bismarck on the last of a series of nine First Fridays. They had driven to Mandan only to find that the priest had been called away. They drove to the Missouri River, unhitched the horse and tied it to a tree. In a row boat they crossed the river and walked into Bismarck to the church, arriving just before noon. They were at the Communion rail just as the bell chimed the noon day Angelus.

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Today when people living a short distance from the church cannot get there in their cars, they stay at home. The pioneers had no cars but they got to church. Mr. Ambrose Renner tells how his family who homesteaded near St. Anthony went to church. For Rosary services they gathered in a house in St. Anthony, but they came to St. Joseph's Church in Mandan to Mass. "People came to church with hayracks or anything that had wheels and could be pulled by horses", says Mr. Renner.

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At fourteen years of age Mike Pitzer, Jr. learned to live on the open range. With the aid of Ira Butler, Julius Rose, John Kohovik, Charles Thompson, Martin Fiele, and August Bethke he ranched his father's cattle near Louise Creek between Flasher and Timmer. They slept on the open range with the long grass and a blanket for their bed, and their saddles for pillows. Because wolves were a constant danger, one always watched while the others slept. There were also many snakes. Often they were found in the blankets, or in the food boxes. Finally the men learned to put a rope about their belongings in a large circle; snakes will not crawl over a rope.

The ladies of the Altar Society were hard working and resourceful to say the least. In the fall of the year they made jelly and other preserves, then sold them to each other. Mrs. Peoples, Mrs. Kennelly, Mrs. Casey, Mrs. Dooley, Mrs. Shields, Mrs. Cantwell, were members of one group that sold their preserves to each other. For the fall festival they sewed, baked, and cooked. Everything was donated.

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The earliest pioneers were in constant fear of the Indians. Mrs. David Carey was often left alone while her husband did carpenter work in town. Indians frequently came to the windows at night, and at times she left lights burning to avoid suspicion and walked with the children to the nearest neighbors two miles away to spend the night.

In 1890, Delia, the eldest daughter of the Carey's received an appointment to teach at the Indian school three miles from Fort Yates. A small house was provided for her and her younger sister. Major McLaughlin was the Indian Agent at the time. One cold night in December he sent an Indian boy to notify the parents to come and get their daughters as the Indians had started an uprising. Mr. Carey drove all night in a buggy returning the following night with his daughters.

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Mrs. Mary Catherine Chapo told her daughters about the Indian uprising of 1890. A big fire had broken out on Main Street and people thought the Indians were setting fire to the town. Mrs. John Opitz, Mrs. Frank Lockbeam, and Katherine Opitz came to the window calling, "Indians, the Indians."

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As was the custom all communities celebrated the 4th of July with picnics, races, music, and visiting. Mr. Thomas Kennelly promoted racing among the young folks of the day. He charged a small entrance fee. From the money collected he gave prizes and the balance was given to the Church.

In 1881 there was a terrible flood in Mandan. The water rose so rapidly that the Carey family had to be taken out in a row boat and was housed for five days with fifty others in the Thomas Uttley home on the hill north of town. Mrs. James Dooley told her children that the women cooked for 200 people for four days in a four room house on the hill.

In 1887 there was another flood. Thomas G. Conroy told that the weather turned so cold that the water froze solid. Mrs. Conroy and the children were cared for by Mr. William Mackin at the County jail located on the hill.



Other families were also there. Mr. Conroy stayed at home, moving to the second floor. Provisions were delivered to him through the second story windows.

The Pitzers were on friendly terms with the Indians, who often pitched their tepees not far from the house. When Mrs. Pitzer was baking, they came with moccasins, blankets, and trinkets to trade for food. Gypsies were less reliable; they took what they wanted and went on their way.

Mrs. John Buckley who worked at the Mandan Hotel used fifty dollars of her savings to buy a shack which they moved to what is now 408 Second Avenue Northwest. The winter they lived in this shack, Mrs. Buckley told, the weather was so cold that even the kerosene froze.

Several pioneers have left stories of the first school in Mandan. James McDonald was thirteen years of age when he came to Mandan with his parents. He attended the first school which was a log building located about a block from Main Street and two blocks east of Collins Avenue. There were fourteen pupils in the school and four of them were McDonalds. Other pupils remembered by Mr. McDonald were James Collins and Fred Eysers. The teacher was Miss Matilda Russell whose parents lived on a farm beyond the Heart River south of Girard Addition. Mr. Russell operated a ferry on the River about where the bridge is today.

Poverty was a spectre that was ever present in pioneer days. Walter A. Pansky tells of the hardships he and his brother John endured when they came to this area the year after the hard winter of 1896. They were eight and one-half and seven years of age respectively and began earning their way by herding sheep. In 1898 their father took them to his homestead three miles south of Sweet Briar. Here they lived in a sod house 10 x 20 feet. The nearest towns were New Salem and Mandan.

Their food was chiefly bread, milk, and game that they killed with traps and slings as they had no ammunition for the big shot gun which they had.

To get drinking water, they melted snow in the winter. The summer presented a more serious problem as the water they could get from ponds was not clean. They finally built a dam across a cooley, then dug a well below it. With bucket and rope they drew up their water.

The neighbors were very good and helped them as much as possible. John Pansky got a job harrowing in the spring for which he received \$3.00 for three weeks work and had to wait three years to get the money. Walter Pansky worked a full winter for \$25.00 and his board. The brothers were forced to depend upon the neighbors until they were old enough to do a real day's work. As they look back today, they are very grateful to the people who were so generous toward them.

The James McDonalds also had an experience during the blizzard of 1896. On November 27, 1896 James McDonald, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald, and Miss Elizabeth Carey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Carey, were to have been married. The morning was clear and warm. The families attended early Mass and returned home for breakfast. Before the time set for the ceremony a terrible blizzard descended on the town and it was impossible to get to the Church. Father Collins offered to go to the McDonald home. Dressed warmly in fur coat, hat, and mittens, he was to be driven in a sleigh. It was impossible to see the road; the sleigh overturned, and Father was thrown out. The wedding was postponed until November 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Froelick recalled the blizzard of 1896. They were coming from a ranch near St. Anthony when the blizzard struck. They were forced to take shelter in a shack for the night, and remain until the storm subsided.

Mr. Peter Helbling, though he was only a small boy at the time, remembers the hard winter of 1896. His father worked on the Parkin Ranch. The family lived in a log house one-half mile off the ranch and his father had to cross the Cannoball River twice to get to work. During the severe winter seven hundred head of cattle and two hundred horses were lost.

Blizzards made pioneer life doubly hard. The Kennellys arrived in Mandan May 1, 1887 in a real Dakota blizzard. James A. Aughnay told of his experience in January 1888. He had returned to Cobden, Ontario, Canada to be married. Four days after the wedding (January 8, 1888) the papers were telling the story of the North Dakota blizzard. A friend, Mrs. Huston, had lost her husband in the blizzard and returned to Ontario before the Aughnays left. Mrs. Aughnay's parents did everything possible to discourage the young people from coming back to Dakota. Mr. Aughnay, however, had proved up on his claim and was anxious to get back. They arrived the latter part of February.

Illness and death brought great suffering and grief to pioneer families. In 1891 the three youngest children of the Philip McCormack family died during an epidemic, and all the family was very sick. The father and mother took the three coffins in the lumber wagon and went across the hills --- they were not allowed to go through town, to the burial ground. There was no funeral and no priest was there.

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Mrs. Gus Carlson, daughter of Mrs. Michael Mahon, recalls some of the early inconveniences, if not hardships. The only water they had came from the Heart River and for this they paid a dollar a barrel to a man who sold it from house to house. Their meat was venison and buffalo. Lumber for building was ferried across the Missouri from Bismarck to Fort Lincoln, and then hauled to the Heart River on wagons. Mr. William Mahon recalls a story told by his mother. When they got to the Heart River the lumber again had to be ferried. On one occasion the load was stuck in quicksand.

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"Necessity is the mother of invention" and a pioneer of Mandan may have been responsible for the open-toed shoe of today. While Mr. Adam Wetzstein Sr. had his tin shop, a certain lady of Mandan had purchased a pair of shoes which were too small. Taking them to Mr. Wetzstein she insisted that he do something about it. Mr. Wetzstein tried stretching the shoes but to no avail, so he cut the toe out. The lady was not exactly satisfied with the open-toed shoes but that was the last time Mr. Wetzstein was asked to repair shoes.

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Mrs. Nick Ressler tells of the story of building the addition to their home. During the day the children rolled stones down from a hill, and the mother and children mixed ground, straw, and water (which they carried) into a mud which would take the place of cement. In the evening Mr. Helbling hauled the stones home and built the new room, often working until midnight.

FATHER RICHARD, O.S.B.

Father Richard, O.S.B., was born William Anthony Eckroth, June 21, 1926. He graduated from St. Joseph's school in Mandan and entered St. John's Prep School in 1940. In 1944 he graduated from Prep School as Valedictorian of his class. After two years at St. John's as a Divinity student he was sent to the Benedictine College of Saint Anselmo in Rome (1946). Receiving his Master's Degree in Philosophy, he returned to St. John's to continue studying theology. He was ordained at St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota June 7, 1952 by Bishop Bartholome of St. Cloud, the first



young man from St. Joseph's parish to be ordained to the Holy Priesthood. His first Solemn High Mass was celebrated in St. Joseph's church in Mandan June 12, 1952. Father Richard teaches Philosophy and Logic at St. John's College and helps in parish work week ends wherever needed.

LEONARD ECKROTH

Leonard Eckroth was born October 7, 1932. He attended St. Joseph's grade school graduating in 1946. In September of the same year he entered St. John's Prep School as a Divinity student graduating in 1950. He entered



St. John's College expecting to join the Benedictine Order but later decided to become a diocesan priest and work in the Bismarck diocese. Under Bishop Hoch he was sent to the St. Paul Seminary at St. Paul, Minnesota. He expects to be ordained in 1958.

FATHER DONALD HAGEROTT

Father Donald Hagerott, son of Mrs. Margaret Hagerott and the late E. C. Hagerott, received his elementary education in the schools of Oliver and Morton counties, graduating from St. Joseph's parochial school in Mandan.

Following his graduation from the Mandan High School in 1947, he entered St. John's University at Collegeville, Minnesota. After two years of work there he transferred to St. Thomas Seminary, Denver, Colorado, to study Philosophy and Sacred Theology. He received his degree, Bachelor of Arts, and was awarded a Master of Arts

degree from the School of Sacred Theology.

On Ascension Thursday, May 19, 1955, Father Hagerott was ordained in the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit by his Excellency, Most Reverend Bishop Lambert A. Hoch, D.D., Bishop of Bismarck. He celebrated his first Solemn Mass in St. Joseph's Church



in Mandan, Saturday, May 21, 1955. Father Hagerott was the first young man from Mandan to be ordained for the Bismarck diocese.

FATHER ROBERT R. ZAHN

Father Robert R. Zahn, the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Zahn, was born September 7, 1921. He completed St. Joseph's grade school, and graduated from the Mandan High School in 1939. In 1943 he graduated from the University of Montana, in Missoula, with a Chemistry major.

In April 1943 he was inducted into the armed forces and taught chemistry at Montana University to air force students stationed there. He was transferred to Fort Benning and later to the Edgewood arsenal in Maryland. In November 1944 he was commissioned Second Lieutenant. In 1945 he shipped to the Philippines, transferred to Biak, and then to Japan. In

1947 he was promoted to First Lieutenant and worked in the Intelligence



Service in the Press and Radio Division. In December 1948 he was discharged in Japan.

In January 1949 Father Zahn entered the Maryknoll Seminary. He was ordained June 11, 1955 and celebrated his first Solemn High Mass in Mandan June 19, 1955. On August 14, 1955 he departed for Tokyo, Japan.

JOSEPH STEINER, Jr.

Joseph Steiner, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Steiner, was born in Mandan, August 27, 1930. He completed St. Joseph's grade school and entered St. John's Preparatory School in 1944, graduating in 1948. After completing two years at St. John's University he entered the monastic novitiate. On July 10, 1950 he was invested with the Benedictine habit and received the religious name, Luke. On completing his year of novitiate, he made his profession of triennial vows, July 11, 1951, the Feast of St. Benedict.

Resuming his collegiate studies in the fall of 1951, he received his

Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy and a major in the classics, Latin and Greek. On September 18, of that year he was sent to Saint Anselmo, the International College of Benedictines, in Rome. He set sail from New York for England where he spent a few days at the Buckfast Abbey before continuing to the Holy City.

After spending the first year of theological study at Saint Anselmo, Fr. Luke made his profession of Solemn Perpetual vows at Sacro Specco, Subi-



aco, Italy, the birthplace of the Benedictine Order, July 11, 1954, the Marian Year. He was ordained subdeacon the same year, December 5, at St. Paul's Church "Outside the Walls", in Rome. He received his final step before the holy priesthood, the diaconate, June 28, 1955, at Assisi, Italy.

JAMES PAUL STEINER

James Paul Steiner, the second son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Steiner, was born in Mandan December 11, 1932. He graduated from St. Joseph's grade school and entered St. John's Preparatory School in 1946. After receiving his high school diploma in 1950 he entered junior college and after two years was accepted into the Monastic novitiate. He received the Monastic habit and the religious name, Urban, July 10, 1952.

After a year in the novitiate he made profession of triennial vows to the Rt. Rev. Abbot Baldwin Dworschak, O.S.B., in the Abbey Church at



Collegeville. He resumed his academic studies in the fall and in May 1955 took his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy, and also a major in the classics. Fr. Urban completed the requirements in the field of education for teaching in the secondary schools of Minnesota.

FATHER GORDON G. TAVIS

Fr. Gordon Gerald Tavis is the son of John F. Tavis (deceased) & Laurabel M. (Wilmes) Tavis. He attended St. Joseph's grade school graduating in 1938. In 1942 he graduated from the Mandan High School. He entered the North Dakota Agricultural College at Fargo but March 28, 1943 he enlisted in the Naval Air Corps. July 1, 1943 he was called to active duty. After receiving Pilot Training at Valley City Teachers College, he attended Preparatory Flight School at St. Olaf's College, Northfield, Minnesota. The next assignment was Midshipman School, Ft. Schyler, New York City after which he was commissioned Ensign in the Naval Reserve, March 5, 1945.

On September 11, 1945 Fr. Gordon was transferred to Navigator School,

Clinton, Oklahoma, and received his wings as a Naval Air Navigator, later to be attached to Bombing Squadron 143, Kaneohe Bay, Oahu, T.H., Dec. 25, 1945. He was discharged from the



navy at San Francisco, California, July 9, 1946.

In 1950 Fr. Gordon entered St. John's University, Pre-Divinity school. He was forced to drop out for a time due to the illness and death of his father.

On September 6, 1952 he entered the novitiate and received the religious name, Gordon. He made his simple profession of vows September 7, 1953. Graduating from St. John's University with the degree, Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, he entered the school of theology in 1954. He hopes to make his Solemn Vows in 1956, be ordained deacon in 1957, and a priest in 1958.

SISTER MARTHA

Sister Martha (Catherine Rambur) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Rambur, sister of Mrs. Wm. Lantz, entered the Benedictine Convent at St. Joseph, Minnesota about 1912, having previously attended the Mandan public schools. She received the habit in 1915. Sister Martha taught in the grade schools of Minnesota until 1940 when she was transferred to Bismarck where she is a first grade teacher.



SISTER LOUISE

Sister Louise (Evelyn Lantz) completed St. Joseph's grade school in Mandan, and St. Mary's High School in Bismarck. In August 1943 she entered St. Benedict's Convent, St. Joseph, Minnesota. A separation of the Sisters from St. Benedict's took place in 1944 at which time she came to Bismarck where she received her habit in 1947. Sister Louise taught the fifth grade in Dickinson and Bismarck, and is now at St. Patrick's school in Dickinson. The past summer she spent as a student at Cardinal Stritch College in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

SISTER CORONA

Eva Kratz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blasius Kratz, was born in 1897. She was orphaned at an early age and came to Mandan when she was about ten years old to live with relatives. Her schooling record is uncertain, but she did work in Mandan and at the age of sixteen she entered the Benedictine Convent at St. Joseph, Minnesota, and became Sister Corona. She



was transferred to Bismarck in 1944 and was employed as a cook and housekeeper until her death in 1954. She was a sister of Mrs. Matt Boehm.

BOTHER INNOCENT

Anthony Kratz, son of Blasius and Mary Kratz, came to Mandan when he was about thirteen years of age. He was employed locally for about seven



or eight years and then entered St. John's Abbey at Collegeville, Minne-

sota, where he became a Brother, Brother Innocent. He died in 1949. He was a brother of Mrs. Matt Boehm.

SISTER YOLAINE

Sister Yolaine (Blondina Fitterer) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fitterer, was born in 1910. She completed St. Joseph's grade school and attended the Mandan High School for two years.



In 1925 she went to St. Benedict's Convent, St. Joseph, Minnesota. Sister Yolaine taught in the grade schools in Minnesota until her death, June 13, 1954.

SISTER THOMAS

Sister Thomas (Mary Delores Carey) was born July 1, 1912 to John and Nettie Carey. She was graduated from St. Joseph's school in 1926 and



from Mandan High School in 1930 as valedictorian of her class. She entered the novitiate at St. Benedict's Convent St. Joseph, Minnesota July 11, 1931.

Sister Thomas has studied at various art colleges including the Catholic University, Washington, D. C. and holds degrees in art and English. She is head of the Art Department at the College of St. Benedict.

SISTER MARY YOLANDE

Sister Mary Yolande (Schulte) O.S.F., is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schulte. She attended the College of St. Teresa, Winona, Minnesota



from 1927 to 1931 receiving the degree, Bachelor of Arts. She entered the Sisters of St. Francis of the Third Order Regular of Rochester, Minnesota in August 1931. Sister Yolande made her Final Profession in August 1937.

Since 1934 Sister Mary Yolande taught five years at Sacred Heart High School, Waseca, Minnesota. She then attended the Catholic University of

America, Washington, D. C., where she received a degree Master of Arts in 1940, and Doctor of Philosophy in 1945.

Since 1942 Sister Mary Yolande has been Head of the Department of Social Science at the College of Saint Teresa. In 1950 she attended a summer session at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland. Since 1951 she has been Secretary-Treasurer of the Catholic Economic Association.

SISTER MONICA

Sister Monica (Monica Kupper) is the daughter of John P. and Anna Kupper. Sister Monica completed St. Joseph's grade school and was then employed in Bismarck for a time. She entered the Benedictine Order in the early 1930's and is now employed as a seamstress at St. Benedict's Convent, St. Joseph, Minnesota. She is a sister of Mrs. Reuben Barth.

SISTER MARY EDWARD

Sister Mary Edward Grainer, O.S.B., was born July 14, 1920 to Andrew Grainer and Elizabeth Schaff Grainer. She was one of nine children. She attended St. Joseph's grade school



and graduated from the Mandan High School in 1938. She next attended Convent Queen of Angels, Mt. Angel,

Oregon. She made her first profession February 10, 1941 and her final profession August 10, 1944. Archbishop Edward D. Howard officiated at both ceremonies.

Sister Edward Mary, O.S.B., has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Mt. Angel's Women's College and participates in "Teachers in Training" Courses

each summer. She has taught two years at Sacred Heart School, Portland, Oregon; one year at Mt. Angel Academy, Mount Angel, Oregon; seven years at St. Paul's School, Silverton, Oregon, two years as principal; four years St. Mary's School, Mount Angel, Oregon; is currently Superior and Principal at St. Edward's School in Leban, Oregon.



SISTER MARY LEWISTA

Sister M. Lewista, O.S.B., (Eleanore Eckroth) was born February 12th, 1919, to Louis and Hattie Eckroth. She graduated from St. Joseph's grade school, and from the Mandan High School in 1938. She entered St. Benedict's Convent as an aspirant in 1940. On completing a year in the Novitiate she went to the St. Cloud Hospital, St. Cloud, Minnesota, as office receptionist and bookkeeper. When the Convent of the Annunciation was established at Bismarck she was one of the one hundred forty-one who formed the new Convent. Since that time she has spent six years at St. Patrick's School in Dickinson, two years at St. Joseph's in Mandan, and at present is teaching at St. Vincent's in Mott, North Dakota.

SISTER M. CAROLINE

Sister M. Caroline, O.S.B., (Caroline Eckroth) was born January 18,

1916, also to Louis and Hattie Eckroth. After graduating from Saint Joseph's grade school, and the Mandan High School (1933) she entered Saint Benedict's Convent at Saint Joseph, Minnesota as an aspirant. She made her simple vows in 1935 and solemn vows in 1938. As a teacher she spent six years at Mauston, Wisconsin; one year at Altoona, Wisconsin; six years at Little Falls, Minnesota, and the past six years at Watkins, Minnesota.

SISTER MARY ALICE

Sister Mary Alice, O.S.B., (Charlotte Eckroth) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Eckroth was born October 5, 1936. She completed St. Joseph's school and attended the Mandan High School one year. She entered Bennet Hall in Bismarck as an aspirant in 1953, and made her first vows July 11, 1955. At present she is attending Mount Marty College, Yankton, South Dakota.

SISTER DAMARIS

Sister Damaris, O.S.B., (Monica Zander) is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zander. Sister Damaris completed grade school at St. Joseph's School and entered the Benedictine



Order at St. Joseph, Minnesota in 1943. She took nurses training at St. Raphael's Hospital in St. Cloud, Minnesota. She made her Final Vows in 1948. Today she is a nurse in Olympia, Washington.

SISTER MARIA GORETTI

Sister Maria Goretti, O.L.V.M., was born Rose Miller, daughter of John Miller & Eiprosina Ternes Miller.



She entered Our Lady of Victory Missions, Huntington, Indiana, September

1952 and made her First Vows August 5, 1955, the Feast of Our Lady of Snows. She is at present in Delhi, Iowa teaching and taking the parish census.

SISTER DOROTHY

Sister Dorothy (Dorothy Helbling) was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Helbling June 17, 1928. She completed grade school at St. Anthony, North Dakota, and graduated from the Mandan High School in 1946. From 1949 to 1952 she attended St. Louis University where she received the degree,



Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Physics. She will receive her Master of Education Degree in 1956.

Sister Dorothy entered the convent, Ursulines of Mount Calvary, Belleville, Illinois July 1, 1946. She made her Temporary Vows in 1949 and her Perpetual Vows in 1952. She taught in East St. Louis schools until transferred to St. Mary's High School in Bismarck in 1954, where she teaches mathematics.

SISTER HELEN

Sister Helen (Helen Killingstad) was born to John and Lena Killingstad in Valley City, North Dakota. She was a public health nurse in Mandan when she became a convert to the Catholic faith. In 1946 she entered the convent of St. Benedict; made her first vows in 1947, and her final vows in 1950. She followed her profession at St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck and later became Hospital Adminis-

trator at Tri State Hospital at Bowman, North Dakota. After one year she



went to Garrison, N. Dak. in the same capacity. She is currently studying anasthesia at St. Cloud Hospital, St. Cloud, Minnesota.

SISTER MARY PACIN

Hildegarde Bullinger, daughter of Clementine and Julius Bullinger, completed her grade school work in St. Anthony. She attended the Mandan High School for two years and entered the Convent at Belleville, Illinois in 1946. Sister Mary Pacin, an Ursuline nun, is teaching at Kenmare, North Dakota.

SISTER MARGUERITE

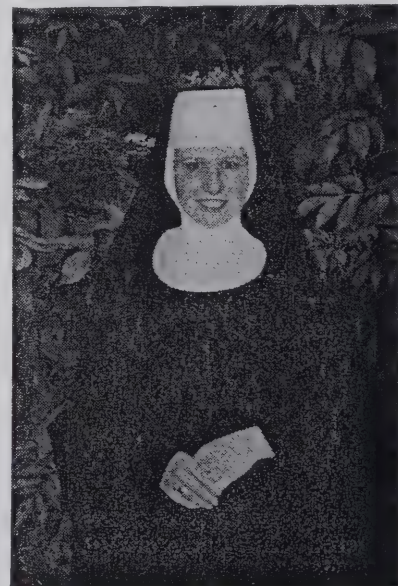
Sister Marguerite (Loretta Ann Bullinger) was born to Clementine and Julius Bullinger in 1930. She started grade school at St. Anthony and com-



pleted her work at St. Joseph's in Mandan. She graduated from St. Mary's High School in Bismarck and then entered the Benedictine Order in 1949. She is currently teaching in Bismarck.

SISTER MARIANNA

Sister Marianna (Maria Magdalena Schaff) is the daughter of Paul and Magdalene Schaff. With the ex-



ception of her fifth grade year when she attended St. Joseph's school, she went to rural public schools graduating in 1947.

In September 1947 she entered Benet Hall as an aspirant and attended St. Mary's High School in Bismarck. December 8, 1950 she became a Postulant and entered the Convent of the Annunciation. She made her temporary vows and received the white veil June 21, 1951. July 11, 1952 she made her Profession of Triennial Vows.

Sister Marianna attended St. Catherine's College 1952-53 and the following year taught the second grade at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit School. She taught the second grade at St. Joseph's School in Mandan during the 1954-55 term.

On July 11, 1955 Sister Marianna made her Profession of Simple Perpetual Vows. She is now teaching at St. Joseph's School in Dickinson, North Dakota.

SISTER MAGDALINE and SISTER MICHEL

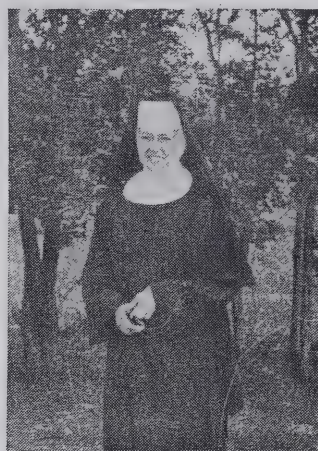
Sister Magdaline and Sister Michel, twin daughters of Mansuetus and Katherine Heck were born in 1920. They



entered the Order of St. Benedict in 1947. Sister Magdaline is currently at St. Alexius as a domestic and Sister Michel at Garrison as a domestic.

SISTER MARY CHARLES

Sister Mary Charles (Ruth Margaret Karabensh) daughter of Charles F. and Catherine Rothschiller Karabensh, was born Sept. 30, 1929 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Sister Mary Charles attended the Luther Burbank School in Milwaukee before the family



moved to a farm in North Dakota. She then attended a rural school in the vicinity of Sweet Briar.

Before entering the Convent of the Annunciation, Order of St. Benedict, in Bismarck, September 1949, Sister Mary Charles worked at the First National Bank in Mandan. She made her final vows in the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, in Bismarck, North Dakota, July 1954.

VIOLA RESSLER

Viola Ressler was born February 9, 1938 to Frank Ressler and Clementine Leingang Ressler. She attended St. Joseph's parochial school seven years, then attended and graduated from St. Mary's parochial school at Lemmon, South



Dakota. She attended Mandan High School one year, then entered St. Mary's High School in Bismarck staying at Benet Hall during this time. She is now a Postulant at the Convent of the Annunciation in Bismarck.



BROTHER GORDON

Gordon Barnard, born in 1932, is the son of Roland and Clara M. Barnard. He completed the first eight grades at St. Joseph's School, then spent one year at St. John's in Collegeville, Minnesota. He then went to Assumption Abbey, Richardton, North Dakota where he completed his high school work. Brother Gordon entered the Benedictine Order December 28, 1950.

SISTER GORDON

Delores Barnard, born 1934, the daughter of Roland W. and Clara M. Barnard. She graduated from St. Joseph's parochial school and St. Mary's High School in Bismarck. In 1951 she entered the novitiate at the Benedictine Convent in Bismarck. She will make her final vows on July 1, 1956. She is Sister Gordon, now teaching music in St. Joseph's School in Mandan.

SISTER VIRGILIA

Sister Virgilia is the daughter of George Kuhn. She was transferred to Bismarck in 1944 where she is a domestic.

ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL

The first parochial school was begun in Mandan by Father Martin Schmidt, O.S.B., St. John's, Collegeville, Minnesota. A building which stood on the lots between the Mandan Hotel and the City Hall served as the school building. In charge were Sisters Oddilia, Hedwig, Patricia, Mildred, and Petronilla of the Benedictine Convent, St. Joseph, Minnesota. When Father Martin was transferred in 1887 the school was abandoned.

On February 4, 1912 a meeting was held in St. Joseph's Hall to discuss the possibilities of a parochial school. The discussion was led by Peter Schantz. It was decided to take a census to determine the probable number of children who would attend the school.

Father Clement Dimpfl was the pastor at the time, and Father Hildebrand Eickhoff, O.S.B., was the assistant. The majority of those present favored the remodeling of the frame church which had been moved to the present site of the Sisters' home, and starting a parochial school in a small way.

The building was remodeled for three classrooms on the first floor, with the possibility of another classroom upstairs. It was believed that the maximum number of children would be one hundred twenty-five. Imagine being prepared for one hundred twenty-five pupils and having two hundred and

twenty-five arrive on the opening day of school.

Extra rooms were provided in the basement of the new Church and by Christmas time the second story of the school building was ready. This served the needs of the parish for four years.

The Sisters who opened this first school were Sisters Edmund, Theodosia, Cyprian, Petra, and Cleopha. Sister Angela arrived in October.



Sister Edmund - Sister Stella

Fortunately on June 16, 1916 plans were begun to finance a new building. January 28, 1917 a meeting was held to decide on plans for a new ten-room



WHEN ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL BURNED - 1917

school with a full basement, assembly hall, stage, and kitchen. On August 1, 1917 the first shovel of ground was moved for the new building. On September 30, the corner stone was laid with appropriate ceremonies. John F. Sullivan was the master of ceremonies. The main address was given by ex-Governor J. M. Devine. The corner stone was officially laid by Rev. Hiltner, vicar general of the Bismarck Diocese, assisted by the pastor of St. Joseph's Church, Father Clement Dimpfl.

It was fortunate that the work got under way promptly for on October 29, 1917 the frame school building was partially destroyed by fire, probably the result of an overheated stove. Mr. Rambur, the janitor, was at the school trying to get the building warm. When he heard the fire alarm, he went out to see where the engine was going. To his surprise it came to the school. Everything possible was carried out. Sister Ramona who was in Mandan



at the time, now at St. Alexius Hospital in Bismarck, tells that the fire started during the time of Mass. "Someone" she said, "handed Father Clemens a note. We knew something was wrong for Father had difficulty in completing the Mass. When we came out of Church we saw that the school was burning. Our trunks were out on the ground, having been let down through the windows."

Sister Stella who was also in Mandan at the time, now in Brandon, Minnesota, adds a bit of information. "When we came from Mass," she says, "a large crowd had gathered and two

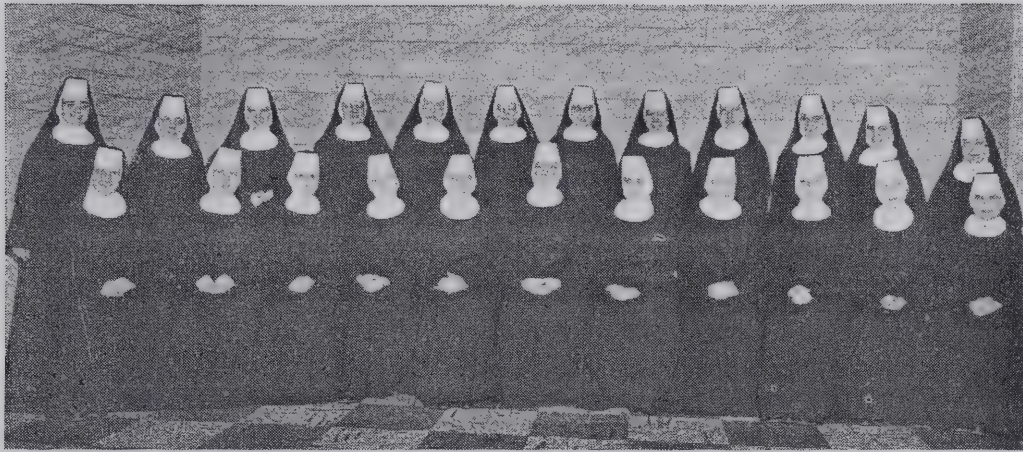


pianos were standing in the yard, plus beds, chairs, tables, etc. Firemen and other men were doing their best to control the flames and they did. The school wing was largely destroyed; the wing in which the Sisters lived was simply well-smoked and water-soaked."

The City Commissioners placed the City Hall auditorium at the disposal of the parish for school purposes. The Church basement was also used until the new school was ready for use, January 21, 1918. Formal dedication ceremonies were held April 21, 1918. This building started with six classrooms. In 1931 more rooms were needed but it was decided to make alterations rather than to add an addition. This was done by changing the auditorium into two classrooms, and moving the lavatories to the first floor so two additional rooms could be provided upstairs. The church basement was arranged to provide a room for societies and for social functions.

By 1939 still more rooms were needed and on April 15 of that year plans were approved for the addition of six more classrooms. There were now sixteen classrooms. The auditorium was arranged for an assembly room, and a library was provided.

While Father Schneider was Pastor, the present new building was constructed at a total cost of approximately a half million dollars.



Front row, left to right: Sister Luverne, Sister Agnes Therese, Sister Juventia, Sister Patrick, Sister Norberta, Sister Lea Marie, Sister Theresia, Sister Bartholemew, Sister Leone, Sister Bernice, Sister Francis. Back row: Sister Gordon, Sister Millicent, Sister Helen Margaret, Sister Andrine, Sister Margaret Mary, Sister Marileta, Sister David, Sister Mary Jean, Sister Marmion, Sister James, Sister Hildegard, Sister Ione. Not pictured: Sister Bertilia.

PRESENT LAY TEACHERS AND PRINCIPAL OF ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL



Back row: Mrs. Ella Rowan, Grade 4; Mrs. Evangeline Pfenning, Grade 6; Mrs. Ethel Klein, Grade 4; Miss Lorraine Harris, Grade 5; Mrs. Melvin Ludwig, Grade 6. Front row: Miss Loretta Harren, Grade 8; Mrs. Florence Durst, Grade 8; Miss Charlotte Senger, Grade 3; and Sister M. Marmion, O.S.B., Principal.

FIRST GRADUATING CLASS FROM ST. JOSEPH' SCHOOL



First row, left to right: Henry Handtmann, deceased; Beatrice McQuillan; Sister Theodosia; Bridella Cantwell (Mrs. A. J. Hammerel); Al Weinhandl. Second row: Joe O'Neil; Rose Rambur (Mrs. Wm. Lantz); Peter Renner, deceased; Joseph Broshard.



SISTER'S HOME REMODELED AFTER FIRE

THE SISTER'S HOME

Six Sisters, Order of St. Benedict, arrived in Mandan August 28, 1913 to take charge of the parochial school. These Sisters were: Sister Edmund, Sister Theodosia, Sister Cyprian, Sister Petra and Sister Cleopha. Sister Angela arrived in October, and Sister Theosita after the holidays.

The old rectory was made ready by the ladies of the English and German Altar societies. The parish had planned to rent suitable quarters but the Sisters had asked that the old rectory be prepared for them.

The fire of October 1917 damaged the home, largely smoke and water damage, and the Sisters lived in private homes while the building was being repaired. Some of the Sisters stayed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Schmidt, Sr.; others at the Nick Messmer home. Some stayed at the Mike Haider home, and still others at Rodericks. Sister Ramona says that they were well cared for. "On school days," she says, "our breakfasts and dinners were served at school. We all gathered at the Schmidt home for supper. On days when there was no school breakfasts and dinners were served where we stayed. The Schmidts adopted us as their daughters." Sister Ramona sings the praises of this family. "They did not charge us a penny," she says, "and" Mrs. Schmidt did our washing besides." The Schmidts also furnished the Sisters with free milk for twelve years, said Sister Ramona.

When the convent was repaired Mr. Pat McGillic bought beds for the dormitory, and Mr. O'Rourke bought the chapel pews.

The repaired home was still very uncomfortable when the weather was cold. One night a window broke in the room occupied by Sister Ramona and Sister Innocent. They were forced to get up, go downstairs and start the coal stove in order to keep warm.

When the new school had been decided upon, the question of a Sister's

home came up. At a meeting held January 28, 1917 to study plans several suggestions were made regarding the home. One suggestion was that a new \$10,000 convent be built the same year. Another suggestion was that the old building be razed and a new building put up using as much of the old lumber as possible. Neither suggestion was followed and on July 7, 1918 an order was placed for lumber to remodel the old building.

In 1924 the Community room and the chapel were enlarged. In 1939, while Father Hildebrand was pastor another addition was made providing for a new dormitory, a dining room, a larger kitchen, and better bathroom facilities. The Chapel was also enlarged. The old dining room became the community room. At long last, the year 1955 saw the beginning of a completely new Sisters' Home.

SAINT JOSEPH'S CHOIR

Little information is available regarding the choir previous to the time of Sister Edmund. It is reported that the following sang in the choir when the frame building was still the Church: Gabriel Eckroth, Sr.; Mrs. Charles Wyman; Anton Gruenenfelder; William Kennelly; John Ehreth; Mike Ehreth; Ida Eckroth (Mrs. Louise Holmes). Mrs. Baldwin was the organist. Of course there were others whom we do not know about.

Sister Edmund enjoyed her choir work for the choir was "dependable and cooperative." The choir members that she recalls were: Peter Renner, John Kleinschmidt, H. L. Dahners, Arthur Tavis, Matt Neibauer, Matt Schaefer, Edmund Schaefer, Eleanor Gress, Rose Opitz, Anna Gress, Monica Kupper, Frances Wirtz, Clementine Wirtz, Eva Baron, Annamary Helbling, Tillie Helbling, Emma Wetzstein, Anna Neibauer, and Antonia Gruenenfelder.

Sister Edmund also had a children's choir which sang for many of the church services, and also for com-

munity festivals and school programs. She had a vested choir of forty voices of which she says Father Clement was justly proud. They sang Vespers in the sanctuary on Sunday evenings. The children were often waiting on the

doorsteps at 7 a.m. to practice Vespers, or the Litany of All Saints, or the "*Cum appropinquaret*" for Holy Thursday's procession. No doubt many people today recall singing in Sister Edmund's choir.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHOIR - 1918-1919



ST. JOSEPH'S CHOIR - 1925



ORGANS

In 1915 St. Joseph's parish decided to purchase a pipe organ. A second-hand organ was purchased from the Tellers Sommerhop Organ Company of Erie, Pennsylvania for the approximate sum of \$808. The Church had available about \$124; the Altar Society gave \$210 that they had raised by giving a play. The Catholic Order of Foresters assumed the responsibility of raising the

balance by popular subscription.

The organ was installed February 4, 1916 and blessed by Father Clement on February 13, 1916. At this time a lecture was given on the origin and development of the pipe organ.

The organ, says Sister Stella, who was here at the time, was not too dependable but "it frequently performed well." It had to be pumped by hand, and sometimes there was a skirmish to find a "pumper."

In 1937 it was decided to install a Hammond organ if the funds could be raised. The organ was purchased by the following: Cleve and John Kennelly, Joseph Schmidt, John F. Sullivan, Frank and John Wetzstein.

The organ in use today is a Wur-litzer, purchased in 1947.

BELL

Following the death of William Boehm, his wife and family donated a bell to the Church. This bell cost \$450, quite a sum of money in 1918. The names of all members of the family were inscribed on the bell. On Palm Sunday in 1918 Father Clemens blessed the bell in a very impressive ceremony. The blessing took place in front of the Church before the bell was raised into the tower.

ALTAR GUILD

The Altar Guild of St. Joseph's parish has always been active in working for the improvement of the Church and rectory. The society was composed of the women of the parish and for more than fifty years they worked faithfully. To sponsor a parish dinner long ago it was necessary for members to prepare the food in their homes. There was no ordering of "ready-to-serve" foods; no electric stoves, dish washers, nor coffee makers; but wash boilers turned out delicious coffee. These parish dinners were served every two weeks for nine months each year.

The money raised by the Society was used for the upkeep of the altars and gifts to the rectory. They also supplied flowers for the altars. The Society met every two weeks with three or four members taking their turns as hostesses. Father Hildebrand was the Pastor at the time the Altar Society was changed to the present Altar Guild. There were two hundred women in the Society, and it was divided into ten circles, twenty ladies to each circle, each circle took a Saint's name. All groups are under the heading of Altar Guild. The money raised is still

used to furnish flowers for the altars and the balance is given to the Pastor for parish expense.

All this has gone on for more than fifty years and will continue as long as there are loyal and devoted women in St. Joseph's Parish.

ROSARY SOCIETY

The first records of the Rosary Society date back to 1911. At that time Mrs. Matt Rambur was president; Mrs. George Kupper, secretary; Mrs. John Fitterer, treasurer. Today there are one hundred forty members.

Dues are one dollar a year, and additional money is raised through bingo parties and card parties. The Rosary Society has a stand during the Fourth of July celebration and also at the Fall Festival.

During the year twelve Masses are said for the living members. When a member dies six Masses are said, and the Society gathers at the funeral home to say the Rosary.

The organization also aids in taking care of the altar, the church, and the rectory. Last summer the members painted the walls of the rectory. They also bought dishes and new curtains.

The officers today are Mrs. Matt S. Vogel, president; Mrs. Mike Lantz, vice president; and Mrs. William Lantz, secretary and treasurer; directors are, Mrs. E. A. Keller and Mrs. Paul Smith.

ST. MARIA VEREIN

The St. Maria Verein is a Catholic organization incorporated under the State Laws of North Dakota.

On the 28th of February 1912 twenty-four ladies of the city of Mandan met in the St. Joseph's church basement at 2 p.m. at which time it was decided to establish a benevolent organization, to bring about better christian morals.

At this same meeting officers were elected. It was decided the initiation fee would be \$1.50, and the dues per month twenty-five cents. It was also decided that when a member passes away,

each living member must pay a death dollar.

Officers elected at this meeting were as follows: President, Mrs. Seraphine Kupper; Vice-Pres. Blandina Schwartz; Treasurer, Theresa Loran; Secretary, Frances Loran; Financial Sec., Ottillia Zander; Trustees, Helen Brucker for a three year term, Rose Barron for a two year term, and Katherine Friesz for one year term.

Another purpose of this organization is general support in case of death. The Verein pays \$150 towards the funeral expenses of a deceased member. The so called death dollars from every member go to the beneficiary of the deceased member. Twelve Masses are said for the deceased member.

Every German or descendant of German parents, belonging to the Roman Catholic Church between the age of eighteen and fifty can become a member of this Verein.

At the time this Verein was started, social members were accepted if they had passed the age limit. These members had no right to vote, could not hold office, and did not receive anything from the so called death dollars. These members paid only the regular dues of twenty-five cents per month, but they did receive the twelve masses and \$150 towards funeral expenses. To date we have only one of these members living, and no social members are being accepted.

The St. Maria Verein was not incorporated until the 5th day of June 1913.

Charter members were as follows: Seraphine Kupper, Blandina Schwartz, Frances Loran, Veronica Schoener, Theresa Loran, Katherine Friesz, Rose Barron, Helen Brucker, Margaret Schooch, Emilia Hartner, Angeline Schloser, Margaret Sagmiller, Mary Anna Loran, Magdalena Stoltz, Elizabeth Ehli, Margaret Kupper, Katherine Lockbeam, Florentina Fix, Margaret Boehm, Philomena Reidinger, Elizabeth Kopp, Elizabeth Senn.

Up to date there are still three charter members living and in good

standing. They are Rose Barron, Philomena Reidinger, and Florentine Fix.

The person instrumental in organizing the Verein was the good Father Clement Dimpfel, O.S.B., former Pastor of St. Joseph's Church during the years from 1910 to 1927.

All expenses of the Verein such as rent, salaries, printing books, funeral expenses, masses and any other expenses such as charity, gifts, etc., are all paid out of the monthly dues of twenty-five cents. We now have 360 members.

CUSTER FLATS LADIES AID

The Custer Flats Ladies Aid was organized under the direction of Father Clement Dimpfel, O.S.B., in 1916, at the home of Mrs. Julianna Soucy of the Highland School vicinity. The Charter members were: Mrs. Julianna Soucy, Mrs. Mary McBratney, Mrs. Sophia Weiss, Mrs. John C. Smith, Mrs. Thomas Gardner, Mrs. Fred Chyle, Mrs. Louis Jiran, Mrs. Robert McBratney, and Mrs. Gus Schauss.

The organization met once a month, weather permitting, at the various members' homes. The ladies spent a social afternoon and lunch was served by the hostess. Early day projects were: serving chicken dinners to the public, selling chances on quilts made by the members and having a booth at the church bazaar where they sold fancy work, farm produce, and pastries.

The first records were kept in 1930 in which a larger membership is noted; however, the activities remained the same.

Sick members or deceased members were always remembered with flowers or a mass.

To date there are five deceased members: Mrs. Mary McBratney, Mrs. John C. Smith, Mrs. Thomas Gardner, Mrs. Thomas Adams, and Mrs. Julianna Soucy. At the present time we have 21 members.

We now remember the deceased and thank the living charter members for the hard work in the organizing and functioning of our Aid.

C. D. A. COURT OF ST. CECILIA No. 362

From a beginning of sixty members in 1903 the National Order of Catholic Daughters of America has grown to a membership of over 200,000 in 1955 with members in forty-five states, Panama, Puerto Rico, Cuba and Alaska. The motto is Unity and Charity. The scope of our work includes local and state charity, as well as national and foreign when the need arises; education of priests; study and discussion clubs; civic and patriotic work, Junior activities; state and national legislation and recreation. Court St. Cecilia No. 362 of the Catholic Daughters of America was organized April 29, 1919 with forty-seven members: Anna Bergen, Nettie Carey, Frances Connolly, Cecelia Con-

Elizabeth Herder, Grace E. Hintgen, Grace M. Hogan, Clara B. Hess, Balbina M. Kranz, Esther Kasper, Emily S. Lowry, Hannah Mackey, Cecile Miller, Catherine McAllister, Elizabeth McDonald, Mayme McDonald, Mary Eleanor McCormick, Margaret McDonald, Mary S. McGillic, Margaret Cecile Porter, Margaret F. Porter, Katherine Percy, Edith Regan, Cora Agnes Russell, Josephine Ronco, Beatrice Renden, Carrie Roderick, Mary Steinbruck, Sophia Stabler, Katherine Schulte, Nona Seaman, Theresa M. Taylor, Elizabeth Tavis, Ellen Tharp, Laurabell Tavis, Anna M. Vallancey, Catherine Warren, Stella Williams.

The following are still members: Mary E. Fredricks, Clara Hess, Mary Eleanor McCormick, Cecile Porter, Cora Russell, Mary Cantwell Shafer, Laurabel Tavis, Catherine Warren, and

PAST GRAND REGENTS OF CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS-1931



Seated: Mrs. Margaret McGillic; Mrs. Nel McCormick; Mrs. Katherine Ford; Mrs. Ellen Tharp. Second row: Cecile Porter; Mrs. Lulu Mackin; Mrs. Mabel Erickson; Mrs. Clara Hess; Mrs. Clarice Connolly.

nolly, Florence Connelly, Fannie Mae Conroy, Mary Cantwell Schafer, Frances E. Campbell, Rose Pearl DeMouly, Mary E. Fredericks.

Theresa Grunenfelder, Louise Grunenfelder Franklett, Rose Howlett,

Ellen Tharp.

The first officers of the Court were: Grand Regent, Balbina Kranz; Vice Grand Regent, Anna M. Vallancey; Lecturer, Ellen Tharp; Prophetess, Catherine Percy; Historian,

Mary Eleanor McCormick; Treasurer, Clara Hess; Financial Secretary, Margaret McDonald; Sentinel, Margaret Porter; Trustees: Mayme McDonald, Nona Seaman, Catherine Warren, Mary McGillic, Catherine McAllister, Grace Hogan. Organist, Josephine Ronco Walton.

Having served as State Officers are:

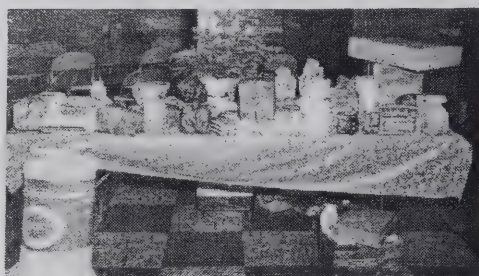
Margaret McDonald, Treasurer, 1923-1927; Clara Hess, Secretary, 1927-1928; Clara Hess, State Regent, 1928-1932; Katherine Ford, Treasurer, 1933-1943; Katherine Ford, Vice State Regent, 1943-1951; Josephine Zahn was elected State Secretary in 1956.

From a religious point the Court has offered Masses for our deceased and living members, relatives of bereaved members, and for the men in the service of our country; education of priests is part of our program as well as contributing to the Newman fund and planning retreats for women of the parish and giving support to the mobile chapel. The Court joins with the National Court in receiving Holy Communion in a body for living and deceased members.

Over a period of ten years, during the depression, Court St. Cecelia sponsored a hot lunch program in the

parochial school. Surplus Commodities supplied staple and occasional fresh fruits and vegetables, while Court St. Cecelia provided the extras. Members of the Court supervised the project. Clothing was collected and distributed to needy families.

Donations of money, food and toys have been made to Home on the Range-Fr. Flanagan's Home, St. Anne's Mission



Catholic Daughters Food Shower for HOME ON THE RANGE

School for Indians; clothing and Care packages have been sent to Europe and a Korean family adopted.

Clothing, prayer books, and rosaries were given to first Communicants. Handicapped children were sent to summer camp.

To assist in furthering education the Court has participated in the National poetry contests, put books and

PAST GRAND REGENTS - 1955



Standing, left to right: Mrs. H. C. Pfenning; Mrs. A. S. Brazda; Mrs. Katherine Ford; Mrs. J. L. Strand; Mrs. E. C. Hagerott; Miss Mabel Planer; Mrs. A. J. Hammerel; Mrs. Rose Hawley; Mrs. A. J. Fix; Mrs. W. H. Brown; Mrs. C. G. Fristad. Seated: Miss Cecile Porter; Mrs. F. G. Tharp; Mrs. Nell McCormick; Mrs. Mary Schafer; Mrs. V. O. Mattson; Mrs. E. L. Tavis; Mrs. E. C. Spurling - Not shown: Mrs. H. C. Law; Mrs. Paul O'Neil; Mrs. Rosella Culbertson; Mrs. Jennie Johnsonbaugh; Mrs. Mae Tobin; Mrs. Clara Hess; Mrs. Mabel Erickson; Mrs. Margaret McGillic; Mrs. Lulu Mackin. Deceased: Mrs. Baloina Kranz; Mrs. Anna Vallancey; Mrs. Frances Connelly; Mrs. Ellen Kennelly.

magazines in the public library and in public reading racks; had a committee to work on having obscene literature censored, and has given financial aid to the parochial school library. One of the Court members is assistant to the St. Joseph's School Librarian.

To keep in closer touch with our Catholic school and its teachers, the Court for the past twenty-five years has sponsored a dinner for the Sisters and teachers of St. Joseph's School and public school teachers. This gives the teachers an opportunity to meet many of the parents and visit with them socially. The Court sends treats to the Sisters of St. Benedict on special holidays. Other annual social events include entertaining our sister Court of Bismarck, having a husband's party, and a mother's party.

The Court has entertained National Officers, State Officers, and delegates as well as all Junior Catholic Daughters and Counselors. A social meeting for members is held once a month.

Religious study club follows each business meeting. The Catholic Press is our current topic. Civic projects are always participated in by our Court such as having a member on the recreation council, park board, Girl Scout council and Community Chest drive. The Court gives a reception for priests offering their first mass and for pastors and assistant priests who come or leave our parish.

General health is promoted by showing of cancer film, work on polio immunization clinic, donation to Red Cross drive, St. Kenney Foundation, March of Dimes, Christmas Seals, and Crippled Children's Home.

The first Junior Catholic Daughters were organized under Cecile Porter as Grand Regent in 1928. The Counselors were: Margaret Porter, Loretta Brown, Lulu Mackin, Clarice Connolly and Clara Hess.

The Past Grand Regents were organized in 1929 when Mary E. McCormick was Grand Regent. Among their activities were visits to shut-ins, and buying books for the Public Library.

Our Court now consists of 267

senior members. There are six Junior Troops with eight counselors.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS COUNCIL 2760

St. Thomas More Council No. 2760, Knights of Columbus, was instituted in Mandan, North Dakota on July 21, 1935.

Its first officers were: Chaplain, Rev. Hildebrand Eickhoff, O.S.B., Grand Knight, Carl E. Dorfler; Deputy Grand Knight, T. G. C. Kennelly; Chancellor, C. F. Kelsch; Recorder, M. J. Tobin; Financial Secretary, J. M. Gauer; Treasurer, A. C. Rausch; Lecturer, S. M. Culbertson; Advocate, R. F. Gallagher; Warden, T. P. Heisler; Inside Guard, L. M. Tavis; Outside Guard, Ralph Friesz; Trustee, George F. Ford, R. J. Ridley and Joe Boehm.

There were ninety-five charter members in the new council; many of them having been members of the Bismarck Council previously.

Besides the Mandan Parish, members were from the parishes at Glen Ullin, Huff, Fort Yates, New Salem, Odense, Hebron, Fallon, St. Vincent, Shields, Center, Solen, Hazen, Selfridge, Ft. Rice, Flasher, St. Anthony and Raleigh.

The first initiation to be conducted by the Council was on the day it was instituted, July 21, 1935. Two members were accepted on this occasion. The Fargo Degree Team conducted the initiation.

Ten days later, on July 21, 1935, the council held its first meeting conducted by the newly elected officers.

The council incorporated under the Columbian Club and acquired its first real estate on October 12, 1943 which was the first home of the council at 109 Collins Ave.

The second acquisition of property was in 1945 at 111 Collins Ave. which was owned and sold to the council by the Elks Club. This is the present home of the Club. The first initiation in the present home was held December 28, 1952. The mortgage burning ceremony for the new home

took place at a dinner party on November 24, 1954.

One of the principle activities the council undertook and of which it has been quite proud was the institution of the first Columbian Squires Club in the state of North Dakota in May, 1937. Since that time it has been quite active and has won commendations at various times for its programs and undertakings. It has also helped in the installation of new Circles both in North Dakota and South Dakota.

The Council has helped in many ways in Fraternal activities such as sending its members to other councils as an installing team; organizing clubs in Glen Ullin and Flasher for its members in those areas; co-operating with the Bismarck council in conducting joint initiations between the two towns. It has enlarged from ninety-five charter members to seven hundred twenty-seven members at present. It has been the host for two State Conventions while some of its members have held positions on the State level at various times. Quite a few of the members

among its members and has supported the Blood Plasma program. It has taken an active interest in all civic affairs of the community. It has sponsored team sports and on the occasion of raising funds for the construction of the Municipal Swimming Pool of Mandan the council donated \$5,000.00 towards the project.

In its Religious life the council has manifested itself through the programs it has inaugurated such as monthly Communion of its members; Rosary by the members for deceased brother knights or their immediate families, religious radio broadcasts; supporting Father Cassidy in the founding and operating of *Home on the Range* for boys. It donated a new Altar for St. Joseph's Church and helped finance the painting of the church. It has supported, through its financing of local ads, the program of the National Catholic Advertising Group relating to the enlightening of others to the Catholic religion. Vigils by its members are conducted during Forty Hours devotion and on other

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of the council are also members of the Fourth Degree in this area.

It is also active in civic affairs. Not only has it supported and lent its good name to the different drives conducted in the community but it has supported and fostered such things as Boy Scout troops, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts. It has a Blood Donors Group

religious occasions. It has supported the Catholic Welfare Bureau of Fargo. The council also has promoted and participated in the celebration of First Masses of local boys on their ordination to the Priesthood and the reception for the occasion. It has also promoted and participated in the celebrating of Field Masses at various times.

ST. ANN'S TROOP



Top row, left to right: Shirley Leingang, Arlene Weber, Jacqueline Siegel, Noreen Geiss, Janet Knoll, Elaine Heck. Second row: Priscilla Huncovsky, Judith Graner, Kathleen Hoffman. Bottom row: Carol Schmitt, Karen Whitty, Doris Renner, Gretchen Schaner. Not present: Kathleen Kuhn, Rebecca Russell.

JUNIOR CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

Aims and Purposes of the Junior program:

1. To provide Catholic companionship and opportunity for personal growth.
2. To stimulate Catholic ideals, stress spiritual and social responsibilities of individuals.
3. To encourage the habit of service to others.
4. To provide wholesome recreation under courageous leadership.
5. To develop personal Sanctification through spiritual activities.

To further the aims and purposes of the Junior Catholic Daughters program in St. Joseph's Parish, Mrs. Joseph Hess, Mrs. George Brown, and Mrs. William Mackin organized the first group of Junior Court, St. Cecelia No. 52 in February, 1928.

The officers of the Senior Court,

led by Grand Regent Cecile Porter, conducted the initiation ceremony. Following the initiation, the twelve charter members elected their officers: Mary Brown, President; Virginia Conroy, Vice President; Clementine Fenderer, Secretary; Josephine Hess, Treasurer. Father Urban was the first Chaplain.

At the banquet which followed the initiation, Mrs. Hess outlined the activities of the Junior Court to the sixty-five senior members who were present. Mary Brown, the newly elected president, told the audience "Why We Want to be Juniors." The charter members, besides the officers, were Josephine Hess, Betty Mackin, Loraine Steinbruck, Evelyn Farr, Arline Steinbruck, Julia Svihovec, Pauline Schantz, Dorothy Mackin, and Lucille Spehn.

The work done by Troop No. 1 proved so interesting that by May, Troop

No. 2 was organized. These eleven members, Ruth Blake, Dolores Cary, Catherine Cary, Agnes Fleck, Anna Sagmiller, Magdalena Schafer, Florence Zahn, Agnes Zahn, Frances Berry, Marie Hoffman and Gertrude Kelly chose as their leaders Dolores Cary, President; Agnes Fleck, Vice President; Florence Zahn, Secretary; Magdalena Schafer, Treasurer; Mrs. J. K. Porter became the Counselor of this troop.

Before the close of the year, the younger girls of the parish were organized into Troop No. 3, with Mrs. Louis Connolly as their Counselor. Helen Homan, Kathryn Gallagher, Rose Hoffman, Edith Sagmiller, Caroline Schardt, Adeline Glass, and Phyllis Carroll elected officers: Jane Broderick, President; Leona Ritchey, Vice President; Laverne Shaw, Secretary; Mary Russell, Treasurer.

These charter members of the first three troops of Catholic Daughters had great enthusiasm. They decided to raise money between January and June, for a vacation outing for the entire membership. In so doing, they were receiving an opportunity for PERSONAL GROWTH; they were creating WHOLESOME RECREATION for themselves; they were GIVING SERVICE to others; and they were learning, under the guidance of their leaders, The SPIRITUAL and SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE INDIVIDUAL.

All members who were present at the outing at Camp Grassick that June, 1929, look back upon the occasion as a highlight in their lives. All five Counselors, Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Mackin, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Connelly and Mrs. Porter attended the camp along with the thirty girls. The cooperation necessary to earn the money, the fun of camp life, and the ideals stimulated by the counselors, made the occasion memorable.

Wholesome recreation was not stressed to the exclusion of the spiritual, by the Junior Catholic Daughters of St. Joseph's. In 1950, Troop No. 3 in Mandan was presented with a trophy

by the State CDA, for outstanding Charity work. Twenty-one Junior Courts competed for the honor, but these younger girls, with Mrs. H. L. Connelly as their counselor, were awarded the trophy. Some of their charity work consisted of regular visits to the hospitals providing the patients with magazines; making and donating jelly to the hospital; buying milk for babies; collecting, repairing and redistributing toys at Christmas time.

Since their beginning in 1928 until the present, 1955, many girls have received the benefits of the Junior Catholic Daughters program and many counselors have given unselfishly of their time to make this possible. The rewards have always been in direct proportion to the work and enthusiasm of members and counselors.

After several years of inactivity, the Juniors reorganized as a new court with twenty members in February 1953. Mrs. George Klein was the Junior Chairman at that time. Mrs. Stanley Hoffman and Mrs. Ralph Heck became the counselors. Father Clarence Gavitt served as chaplain.

On April 24, 1955 the State Rally held in Mandan was attended by 324 Juniors, contrasting well with the 65 who attended the first State Rally. The theme used, "Recreation with Christ," will always live in the lives of the Juniors who attended.

We now have fifty Junior Catholic Daughters in St. Joseph's who are organized into six Courts. Mrs. Gabe Eckroth and Miss Eva Boehm are the Chairman and Co-Chairman. Helping them direct these girls are counselors Shirley Schwehr, Sec. Eileen Kokott, Virginia Boehm, Rita Bauman, Mary Braun, Mrs. Breen Kennelly, and Mrs. James Hawley. Other members of the Council are: Chaplain Rev. Joseph LaManna; Grand Regent, Mrs. Al Ressler; Vice Regent, Mrs. Thomas Rowan; Treasurer, Miss Josephine Zahn.

The present officers of the Junior Court are: President, Mary Ann Miller; Vice President, Beckey Russell; Secretary, Iris Zander; Reporter, Doris

Renner.

A fitting close for the history of the Junior Catholic Daughters of St. Joseph's would be the expression of the JUNIOR IDEAL: DO THE DIF-

FICULT THING WILLINGLY; DARE TO BE DIFFERENT; WORK HARD; LAUGH A LOT; PLAY OFTEN; PRAY ALWAYS.

COLUMBIAN SQUIRES



INSTITUTION OF SQUIRE CIRCLE in 1937

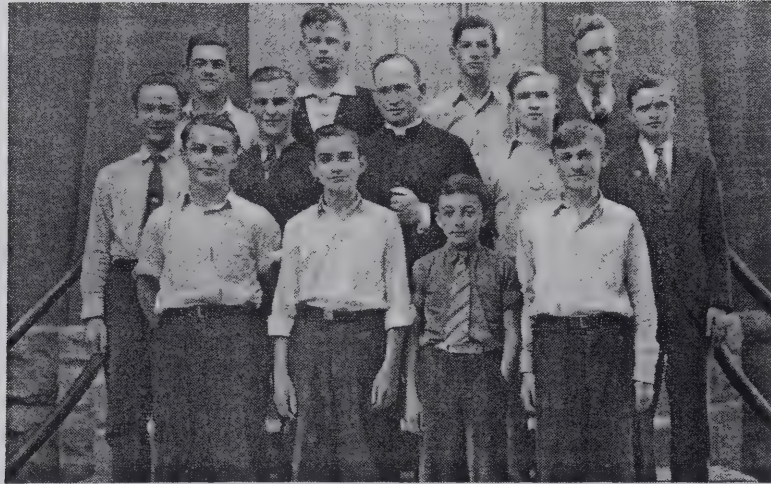
Columbian Squires, Circle Number 180, an organization sponsored by the Knights of Columbus to promote fellowship, spiritual growth and social needs of boys of high school age, held its first organization meeting May 20, 1937. At that meeting under the direction of its Father Prior, Rev. John Axtman of Wahpeton, officers which include Chief Squire, Deputy Chief, Notary, Bursar, Marshall, Sentry, Captains (2), Auditors (3), were selected and appointed.

Active in parish and civic work, and sports, the Mandan Columbian Squires have had national honor roll citations for its many projects. In competition with hundreds of circles throughout the United States judged on their written reports, attendance, activities, publications, new candidates, the Mandan circle moved from 20th place in October 1942 to third in November 1943; to first in December 1943; first again in January 1944 and remained in the

upper ten until April 1947. Again in 1948-49 they were in the upper ten. From 1949 to 1954 the circle remained inactive. In 1954 under the direction of its Father Prior Rev. J. LaManna the Squires were reorganized and at present it is again very active. Some recent activities have been the distribution of "Put Christ Back in Christmas" slogans; the purchase of bright red and gray jackets with Squires and their official emblem embossed on the back; their monthly Communion Sunday and breakfast with the Knights of Columbus; the sponsoring of social events for the High School groups.

Chief Squires have been: (from incomplete records) 1937 Jack Broderick, Emil Stoltz; 1938 Lloyd Lohstreter; 1939 Frank McCann; 1940 Frank McCann, Richard Lubke; 1941 Richard Lubke, Cletus Schmidt; 1942 Cletus Schmidt, William Brunelle; 1943 Eddie Steckler, Joseph McCann; 1944 Joseph McCann, Bob Hagerott; 1945

FATHER OTHMAR AND HIS BOYS



Bob Hagerott, Jerry Knudson; 1946 Donald Kasper, Don Hagerott; 1947 Don Hagerott; 1948 Mike Lanz; 1949 Mathias Lanz; 1954 Jack Sauter; 1955 Ed Hagerott, James Lord; 1956 James Lord.

DO YOU REMEMBER? (from Press Notices.)

1. 22 candidates initiated into Columbian Squires (Nov. 16, 1942).
2. Columbian Squires to cooperate in bond drive (April 10,

1943).

3. Columbian Squires to collect for paper drive (Oct. 10, 1943).
4. Squires entertain at football dance with 160 young people in attendance (Oct. 23, 1943).
5. Used toys repaired for needy children by Columbian Squires (Dec. 10, 1943).
6. Mandan Squires triumphant in fall contest. Two splendid cups will be presented (Jan. 31, 1944.)

1942 STATE SQUIRE CONVENTION



ST. MARY'S COURT CATHOLIC ORDER FORESTERS

St. Mary's Court No. 408 of the Catholic Order of Foresters was organized November 7, 1899.

Charter members were Mrs. Kate Dooley, Mrs. Alice Kennedy, Mrs. Catherine Schafer, Mrs. Mary Weinhandl, Mrs. Mary Hoff Boehm, Mrs. Maggie Hoyer, Mrs. Christina Schlosser, Mrs. Lena Miller, Mrs. Mary Tschida, Mrs. Pauline Kline, Mrs. Margaretha Damsky, Mrs. Ellen M. Setterly, Mrs. Elizabeth Klein, Mrs. Rose McSorley, Mrs. Theresa Grunfelder, Mrs. Mary E. Kennedy, Mrs. Rose Breiner, Mrs. Mary Ann Drury, Mrs. Mary Rafferty, Mrs. Johanna Melzener, Mrs. Bridget Aughney, Mrs. Mary Bauknecht, Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald, Mrs. Lena Broshard, Mrs. Mary A. McBratney, and Margaret Cantwell.

Officers of the Court at that time were Kate Dooley, Chief Ranger; Alice Kennedy, Vice Chief Ranger; Mary Ann Drury, Financial Secretary; Mary E. Kennedy, Treasurer; Mary E. Kennelly, Recording Secretary; Bridget Aughney, Inside Sentinel; Elizabeth McDonald, Outside Sentinel; Mary Rafferty, Senior Conductor; Rose McSorley, Junior Conductor; Margaret Cantwell, Chaplain; Trustees, Margaret Cantwell, Mary Bauknecht and Margaretta Damskey.

Our membership on September 1, 1955 was 157 adult members and 47 juniors all carrying insurance. The officers for this year are Maude Haney, Chief Ranger; Veronica Ressler, Vice Chief Ranger; Mary Knoll, Financial Secretary; Helen Assel, Treasurer; Thelma Brazda, Recording Secretary; Beatrice Eckroth, Inside Sentinel; Susie Helbling, Outside Sentinel; Anna Keller, Senior Conductor; Magdalen Lanz, Junior Conductor; Trustees, Marion Fix, Betty Reisenauer and Minnie Schwab; Chaplain, Veronica Ressler.

The Catholic Order of Foresters is a fraternal organization and does not engage in other activities.

ST. VINCENT DePAUL SOCIETY

At one time St. Joseph's parish had a St. Vincent DePaul Society. This is a very worthy organization whose purpose and aim is to feed and clothe the poor, visit the sick, and to help those who have lost the faith.

The Society was organized in Mandan in 1937. Father Hildebrand Eckhoff was the chaplain; E. J. Kapsner, President; J. M. Gauer, Vice-President and Treasurer; Wm. J. Lanz, Secretary. Other members were Joe Stebner, Joe Hoffman and John Heidt.

SODALITY

In 1930 the young ladies of St. Joseph's parish under the guidance of Father Angela Zanke, O.S.B., organized the Sodality of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The membership was composed of young ladies who were high school graduates and were employed. The membership was about thirty.

With the help and advice of Father Angelo, rules and by-laws were adopted, and three officers, a president, secretary and treasurer were elected.

Solemn reception into the Sodality was held in the Sanctuary of the church during Vespers on Sunday. The ceremony was impressive. At the meeting, held every two weeks, Father Angelo led the discussion. The Sodalists also assisted in the work of the church by mending altar boys' cassocks and surplices and keeping the brass candlesticks on the altar polished. They also helped provide flowers for the altar.

Social life of the Sodality consisted in the celebrating of all church and civil holidays with appropriate programs. Cards and games were played

and a light lunch was served.

Later a branch of the Sodality was formed among the eighth grade girls of St. Joseph's School who held sepa-

rate meetings and elected their own officers. On some occasions the senior Sodality would invite the juniors to a social meeting.



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- 1911 John P. Schroeder, Secretary; Joseph P. Hess, Treasurer.

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- 1912-1914 John F. Sullivan, Secretary; Joseph P. Hess, Treasurer.

Advisory Board: H. J. Tavis, Michael Connolly, Wm. Boehm, George Ford, Z. J. DeChandt.

1915-1918 Joseph Hess, Treasurer; Joseph Schafer, Secretary.

Advisory board: Wm. Boehm, Richard Bauknecht, Adam Wetzstein, H. J. Tavis, John Mushik.

1919 Frank J. Haider, Secretary; Joseph Hess, Treasurer.

1920-1927 Michael Tobin, Secretary, Joseph P. Hess, Treasurer.

1928-1932 Michael Tobin, Secretary, John F. Tavis, Treasurer.

1933-1950 Michael Tobin, Secretary; C. F. Kelsch, Treasurer.

1950-1954 C. F. Kelsch and Eugene Myers.

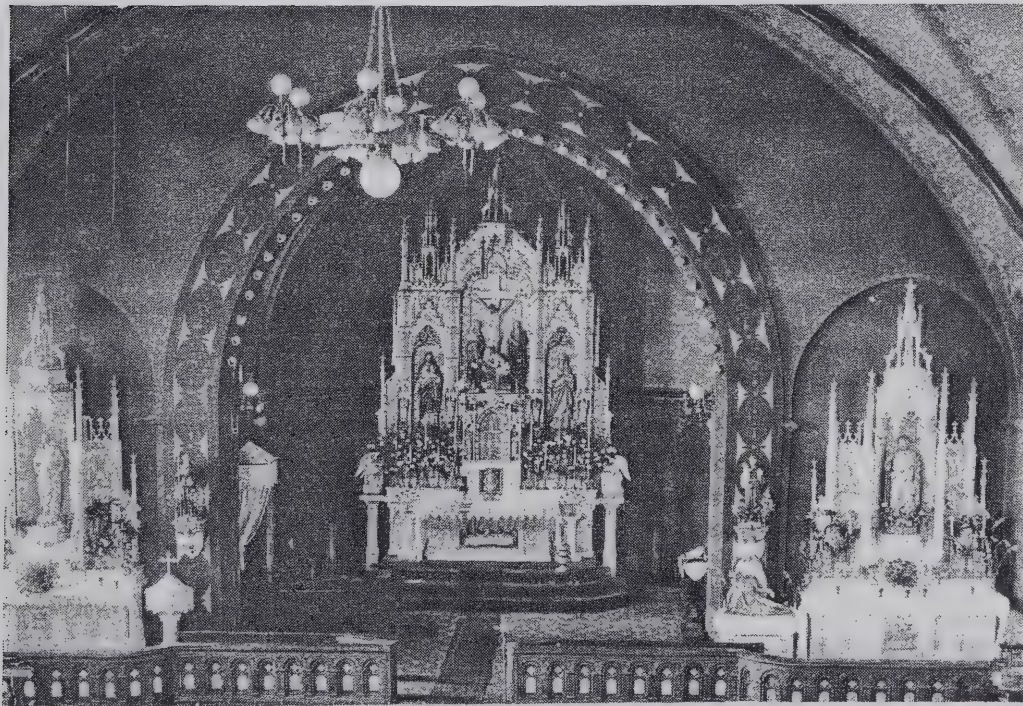
1954 Matt Reichert & Walton Russell.

STATISTICS OF ST. JOSEPH'S

St. Joseph's parish has reached its Diamond Jubilee. Beginning with seventy-five families it has grown rapidly as the following statistics show:

	1911	1916	1955
Baptisms	68	99	261
First Communions	40	----	155
All Communions	----	13,000	136,500
Confirmations	100	----	133
Marriages	29	17	53
Burials	31	20	58
Number families	----	300	1,800
Parish population	---	1,400	6,500
Children attending St. Joseph School	--	235	920

And now the parish presses on toward its Centennial. May it grow spiritually, and may those who take up the burdens as the years go by leave to their children a Catholic heritage as fine as that which they received from the pioneers who have gone before.



INTERIOR OF ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH - 1925

Diamond Jubilee Festivities

St. Joseph's parish celebrated its Diamond Jubilee in 1956 on May 15th, 16th, and 17th. Festivities began on May 15th with a historical pageant presented by the pupils of St. Joseph's parochial school. On May 16th St. Joseph's Altar Guild served a banquet. On the 17th of May the Sisters' home was Blessed and the three-day program ended with a Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving.

HISTORICAL PAGEANT

The historical pageant began with the coming of a Catholic Frenchman, Pierre de la Verendrye, and continued with the story of Lewis and Clark who spent a winter at Fort Mandan while on their expedition to the Pacific coast.

The story of the early missionaries was depicted in the person of Father Peter John DeSmet, S.J., who is believed to have been the first Catholic priest to enter Dakota Territory. The influence of the Benedictines was told through the story of Abbot Martin Marty who came to Standing Rock Indian Reservation hoping to establish a monastery in the heart of the Indian Territory. Abbot Martin Marty became the first Bishop of Dakota Territory and visited Bismarck as early as 1876. The pageant told of his first visit to Mandan in 1885 when he confirmed twenty-seven local people.

The outstanding work of pastors, Benedictine and Diocesan, from the coming of Father Cassidy to the time of Father A. J. Galowitsch, present Pastor, was portrayed through pantomimed acts, frieze portrayals, and historical processions.

Pioneer families were also remembered. Their work was given recognition through interpretative dances and the depicting of parish events.

Two narrators alternated in giving the historical commentary while a full chorus of 300 voices emphasized its spirit in song and choral reading.

ALTAR GUILD SERVES BANQUET

On May 16th St. Joseph's Altar Guild served a banquet at which were honored the early Missionaries, Pioneer Priests, and the faithful people who erected the first church. Walton Russell served as toastmaster at the banquet presenting His Excellency, Bishop Hoch, Bishop of Bismarck; Father A. J. Galowitsch, Pastor of St. Joseph's Church; and Father Justin Leutmer, O.S.B., former Pastor.

Mr. C. F. Kelsch, long time trustee spoke on the part the men have played in building the parish. Mrs. Katherine Ford spoke for the women of the parish; Shirley Schwehr and Patrick Cantwell for the young ladies and young men respectively.

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At noon on May 17th the Knights of Columbus, St. Thomas More Council No. 2760, served a dinner for the visiting clergy in their Club Rooms, while the Catholic Daughters sponsored a public reception in the school cafeteria from 3:00 to 5:00 o'clock the same afternoon.

SISTERS' HOME BLESSED — PONTIFICAL MASS

At 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon of May 17th the Most Reverend Bishop blessed the new Sisters' Home which was recently completed. At 7:00 o'clock in the evening a Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving was celebrated.

COMMITTEES IN CHARGE

In charge of arrangements for the Jubilee were the following: General Chairman, M. W. Froelich; Program Committee, M. P. Knoll, Chairman; T. J. Gustin, Ed Tavis; Banquet Program: John Zander, Chairman; George Schuch; Invitations: M. J. Reichert, W. S. Russell; Decorating and Publicity: Paul Gussner.

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These were not the work of one person, but several. Although we find it impossible to thank each one by name, we do thank you as a group for your willing labor, patience, and perservance. Particularly patient and perserving were the staff of the Crescent Printing Company our publishers, and to them we give particular thanks.

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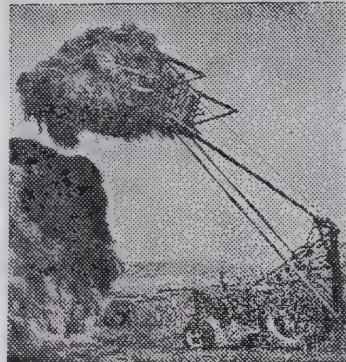
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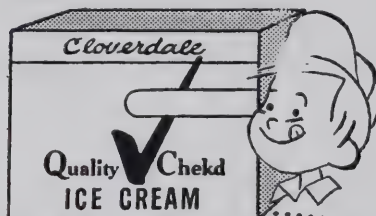
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